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BUDGET DEBATE IN COUNCIL.

SPEECHES BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR POLICY OF ECONOMY.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

In the Legislative Council this afternoon, Unofficial Members, in the course of lengthy speeches on the Government's Budget proposals for 1928, unanimously approved of the policy of economy and of the proposal to raise \$5,000,000 by loan to pay for certain public works.

The principal speech was made by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow—this being the first time that a Chinese Member has spoken on behalf of all the Unofficials. He lengthily reviewed the 1928 programme and expressed satisfaction that no extra taxation is contemplated.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton drew attention, among other things, to the growingly high cost of living and asked for the Government to appoint a Commission of Enquiry into the matter.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall accused the Government of having changed its policy regarding education, suggesting that the increased school fees would lead parents to withdraw their children from school at an earlier age than was desirable.

INCREASED SCHOOL FEES OPPOSED.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow said: "The duty devolves on me, as the senior Unofficial Member of this Council for the time being, to present the collective views of the Unofficial Members on the Budget for this year, leaving to my honourable colleagues to bring forward individually any special points they may wish to make."

Historical Retrospect.

At the outset, we wish to congratulate your Excellency on the able manner in which, at the last meeting of this Council, you reviewed the financial history of the Colony during the past thirty years. Your mastery survey has been read by the public with the greatest interest and pleasure, for it is a record that awakens our latent pride in the Colony's achievements, and kindles fresh confidence in its future.

The Budget.

We desire also to congratulate you, Sir, and the Hon. Colonial Secretary on the manner in which the Budget has been framed, and presented to this Council. Your Excellency and the Hon. Colonial Secretary have placed the Colony in your debt by the care and foresight you have bestowed upon this onerous task; and I wish to assure you that the Unofficial Members fully endorse the conservative policy you have pursued. Although we think we are right in believing that the Colony has weathered the severest storm that has ever afflicted it, we cannot yet afford to relax our vigilance; and our watchword must still be economy, consistent, of course, with efficiency, and the essential needs of the Colony's steady expansion.

The Proposed Loan.

We must express our gratification that the Government has been able to avoid imposing any fresh taxation. The public appreciates the regard the Government has shown in this respect, as any extra burdens in these trying times would have been most unwelcome. The Colony's satisfaction is increased by the knowledge that, despite this, there will be no check to progress, thanks to the Government's decision to float a loan of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of financing certain urgent essential public works. This policy has our full approval and unequalled support. The works in question will benefit succeeding generations even more, perhaps, than the present generation; and it is only fair—as I had the honour to point out when addressing this Council on a similar occasion in 1923, and again in November of last year—that posterity should bear its share of the cost. The decision to float the loan is welcome for the fur-

ther reason that it restores to our surplus balances the large sum of \$1,916,406 which has already been expended therefrom on waterworks development. There is no doubt in our minds that the loan, when placed on the market, will be taken up without the least difficulty, since it cannot fail to commend itself to all sections of the community as a sound and attractive investment.

Survey of Steamships.

Proceeding to deal with individual items in the Estimates, I should like to refer, first, to the item "Survey of Steamships" which appears on page 9 under the head "Peers of Court or Office." We have examined with care the Sessional paper dealing with increased expenditure in the Harbour Department, and additional revenue to be derived from raising the survey fees. That the Harbour Department has been understaffed was clearly shown at the inquest on those who lost their lives in the s.s. Leung Kwong, after recently, and we are glad to learn that steps have been taken to remedy this. It is further very gratifying to hear that arrangements are being made whereby a special Hongkong Passenger Certificate issued in Hongkong will have equivalent value all over the world with the Passenger Certificate issued by Authorities in the United Kingdom. Naturally, all this involves more expenditure on the Harbour Department, but we do not grudge this, as we realize that our prosperity and future development depend upon the attractiveness of the port, and the facilities we are able to offer ships which make use of it. It has always been our desire to see charges as low as possible, to encourage shipping to come here; and we should be very much opposed to any increase in charges which might militate against this. But the increase in the survey fees are small, and appear reasonable, and we do not feel that any protest can be justifiably raised against them.

Water Meter Rents.

On the same page, under the same head, we notice a decrease of as much as \$70,000 against the item "Water Excess Surplus and Meter Rents." There is no doubt that the population of the Colony has materially increased during the past twelve months, and we are therefore at a loss to understand why such a large shrinkage in the receipts is anticipated. We shall be glad if your Excellency will give us further information on this point.

Supply of Essential Commodities.

The sub-head "Afforestation" under District Office, North, (page

19) is increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This, in our opinion, represents a step in the right direction; indeed, we feel that even more should be done than has been hitherto, in the way of increasing forestry work in the New Territories. The aim should be to make the Colony, as far as possible, self-supporting in the matter of its supplies of firewood. This applies also to other essential commodities which can be produced in the New Territories; and in this connexion, we would respectfully commend to the Government's notice the good work being done by the New Territories Agricultural Show Committee. Such work deserves the fullest encouragement and support of the Government and the public. The Government might well consider establishing, or at least assisting private enterprise to establish, experimental farms for the growing of vegetables, etc., so that the Colony may be more independent of outside supplies.

Police and District Watchmen.

The increase on the head "Police Force" is undoubtedly large. But there can be no cavil at it, because the Colony's expansion makes it necessary. The steady growth of the population, owing to the peace and security that can be enjoyed within our borders, has meant the filling up of a large number of empty houses in recent months; and many houses which were in contemplation before the outbreak of the strike in 1925, are now completed. This means additional areas to be protected by the Police. The disturbed state of the adjoining Mainland, too, has caused many thousands of people to seek refuge in Hongkong, and it is inevitable in the nature of things, unfortunately, that these should include a percentage of bad characters. Therefore, it is only proper that the police should have the numbers necessary to cope with their heavier responsibilities. The police—and the District Watch Force also, I may add—have performed yeoman service during another year of strain and anxiety. Their zeal and good work must be a source of pride to the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police and the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, to whom we wish to tender our congratulations on the able manner in which they have applied the firm and tactful policy laid down by Your Excellency.

Piracy.

We concur with the Government's policy of contributing towards the cost of three armed launches for anti-piracy work in the delta. It is essential that everything in our power should be done to protect our commerce from the depredations of pirates. Two weeks ago the British steamship "Kochoh" was pirated on the West River. On this occasion His Majesty's Naval vessels took action against the villages from which the pirates came, and it is sincerely to be hoped that this will have proved to be a salutary lesson. In the existing state of lawlessness adequate Naval patrols are of the greatest value in affording protection to trading vessels; and if action can be taken against the haunts of the pirates after a piracy has taken place we believe that there will be a great diminution of their outrages.

Malarial Research.

Malaria has long been a serious problem in the Colony, and we welcome the appointment of a specially trained malarial research officer whose duty it will be to investigate local conditions and advise as to the steps to be taken to deal with the disease. The Hon. Mr. Shenton will make further reference to this subject in his speech, but I may say here that we hope the appointment marks the beginning of an organized effort to eradicate malaria entirely from this Colony where it still takes such heavy toll every year.

Victoria Hospital.

The Government's intention to admit men as well as women to the Victoria Hospital has our cordial approval, as we consider this an economical arrangement which might well have been made long ago. Your Excellency will, we hope, carefully consider our suggestion that patients be granted the right of being treated by their own doctors if they so desire. Although that suggestion when first made did not receive official approval, we feel constrained to point out once more that its adoption, besides bringing increased revenue to the Government through more patients being

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THE PRINCES RETURN HOME.

DELIGHTED WITH THEIR VISIT.

STRENUOUS CANADIAN TOUR.

London, Sept. 14.
The Prince of Wales and Prince George have arrived in London from Canada.—*Reuter.*

London, Sept. 14.
The Prince of Wales and Prince George were to-day back in England from their visit to Canada. Their arrival, both at the port of Southampton and at Waterloo Station, London, was devoid of ceremony. The only touch of formality was the reading of a short address at Southampton by the Mayor.

Despite the informality of their homecoming, however, large crowds gathered at Southampton and at Waterloo, and cheered the Princes.

Captain Alan Lascelles, a member of the Prince of Wales's suite, stated that the Prince was fit and well after a very strenuous time. "We have had a wonderful and eventful trip to and from Canada, and everyone has enjoyed it. The Prince was simply delighted with his visit to the Dominion, and was

ENTREATIES SUCCEED.

World Fliers Stop at Japan.

Tokyo, Sept. 15.

Though the "Pride of Detroit" aviators Messrs. Brock and Schlee were fully determined yesterday to attempt to fly the Pacific, the entreaties of their friends and relatives, including a cable from the children of Mr. Schlee, imploring their father not to take a suicidal step, have resulted in a decision to give up the original intention, though the firmen are bitterly disappointed.

Consequently they are sailing by the first boat available for America.—*Reuter.*

particularly impressed by the development of the mining industry.

It was pointed out that the Prince's visit was a story of long hours of travel and countless long monies. He went to see his ranch, but actually had only about two clear days there. The remainder of his time was occupied by official visits, and travels to the Rocky Mountains and Pacific seaboard.

The Prince enjoyed the rest on the voyage home in the liner Empress of Scotland, but entered wholeheartedly into the amusements on board, showing the same informality which has distinguished the whole of his tour.—*British Wireless.*

THE U.S. PRESIDENCY.

MR. HUGHES FINDS FAVOUR.

Washington, Sept. 14.
While hitherto it has not been decided to support any particular Republican candidate for the Presidency, it is intimated that from the personal viewpoint Mr. Mellon will favour the former Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, but it is added that this does not necessarily mean that he will be behind Mr. Hughes should the latter be a candidate.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE RIGA REVOLT.

SIX PERSONS SHOT.

Riga, Sept. 14.
Six participants in the recent insurrection have been summarily condemned and shot. The leaders, Captain Maljus, is believed to have escaped to Germany.—*Reuter.*

PUBLIC MONEY.

COST OF TYPHOON DAMAGE.

MANY INTERESTING ITEMS.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, to be held after this afternoon's Council meeting, the following items will be considered:—

Typhoon Damage.

Under the heading of Kowloon Canton Railway (special expenditure) the sum of \$4,000 is asked for on account of "cost of repairs to quarters, station and other buildings, fencing, stone pitching, Tai Po Pier, etc., damaged by the typhoon of August 20th."

Sanatorium Treatment.

Under the heading of Charitable Services, the sum of \$3,150 is requested on account of a special grant for sanatorium treatment for Police Sergeant J. Robertson. It is explained that "in 1926 Council voted a sum to cover the cost of Sanatorium Treatment for Police Sergeant Robertson, late of Hongkong Police for that year. The Crown Agents did not pay the account for the second half of 1926 until March, 1927, and it therefore becomes necessary to re-vote the sum of \$1,491. Council further agreed to pay for the cost of further treatment during the current year and it is anticipated that Crown Agents will be called upon during the current financial year for payment of approximately \$1,659 in respect of the first half of 1927."

Wireless Machinery.

The sum of \$6,000 is wanted by the P.W.D. to pay for new machinery at Cape D'Aguilar Wireless Station. It is explained that "this expenditure is necessary to meet the cost of the under-mentioned machinery which is urgently required to replace defective machines at Cape D'Aguilar Station:—(a) Rotor and Armature, \$1,800; (b) Motor generator set, \$3,940; (c) Also for the purchase of a Geographical Globe for plotting great circle routes and distances in connexion with Wireless Telegraphy work, \$260. As regards (a) and (b), when the 1927 Estimates were framed it was impossible to forecast that the existing machines would become defective during that year. (c). This Globe is required in connexion with Wireless Telegraphy Research work." The above will be met out of savings.

Instruction Expenses.

The Harbour Department asks for \$865 to be voted to pay for the incidental expenses of Mr. R. Hall while undergoing a course of training in England. It is explained that "while Mr. R. Hall, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor was on home leave, he was instructed to undergo a course of Board of Trade Training at North Shields and Liverpool. His travelling and subsistence expenses in connexion with that course amount to the sum of £26.8.8, which was paid to him by the Crown Agents and debited to Hongkong Funds in their June account at exchange 2/- to the dollar. No provision was made in the current Estimates as sanction for Mr. R. Hall to undergo such training was given after the current Estimates were prepared. The above is to be met from savings."

Chinese Faculty.

As a grant in aid of the Chinese Faculty of the Hongkong University, the sum of \$4,800 is requested. It is stated that "the Government after consulting the Finance Committee agreed to assist the University in establishing a Chinese Faculty and the above sum represents the financial aid required for the current year."

Fire Extinguishers.

In asking for \$180 to pay for the cost of four fire extinguishers, the Imports and Exports Department says they are for the Opium Factory at Kennedy Town and have been advised by the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade. The cost is to be met out of savings under other heads.

Travelling Expenses.

The sum of \$4,000 is asked for by the P.W.D. as transport and (Continued on Page 14.)

BANK ROBBED OF \$19,500.

A FRAUDULENT LETTER FROM CANTON.

INSIDE KNOWLEDGE.

A fraud involving the theft of the large sum of \$19,500 has been reported to the police by the manager of the Ting Hing Bank, of No. 179 Queen's Road Central.

The report to the police by the manager states that on the 6th September the Ting Hing Bank received a letter from the Kam Fat Bank at Canton requesting them to collect a sum of \$19,500 from various Banks in Hongkong and to pay the same over to the Yuen Wah Cheung firm of No. 6, Koshing Street, who would then remit it to Canton.

The instructions contained in the letter were carried out, by the recipient and on the same day the money was duly paid over to the Yuen Wah Cheung.

But two days later the Ting Hing Bank received a second letter from the same Bank at Canton containing a similar set of instructions, but in this case requesting that the sum of \$19,500 which the Ting Hing Bank was asked to collect be handed over to the Wo Fat Shing Bank of Winglok Street, who would then pay it into the credit of the Canton Bank.

On investigation it was found that the first letter was calculated to forestall the second communication and to divert the money into the possession of these who apparently had been enabled to gain an intimate knowledge of the affairs of the Canton Bank.

It transpires that the Yuen Wah Cheung firm of Koshing Street in whose shop the money was alleged to have been handed had suspended business, and when a visit was made there by the police and representatives of the Ting Hing Bank the doors were found to be closed, and the premises deserted.

AN INSISTENCE ON DISARMAMENT.

LEAGUE DELEGATES URGE EARLY ACTION.

Geneva, Sept. 14.

The League disarmament committee debate produced a chorus of demands for early and effective steps.

Dr. Nasen (Norway) urged the hastening of the preparatory committee's work, and submitted a draft optional convention for compulsory arbitration.

Lord Onslow (Great Britain) alluded sympathetically to the Polish proposals, and reiterated that Britain was unable to undertake any increase in the existing guarantees and responsibilities, but would persist in the question of disarmament and was ready to examine the question of the private manufacture of arms.

Count Bernstorff (Germany) exclaimed that they should act quickly and act energetically in the interests of the Covenant and interests of the League.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH WARSHIP LAUNCHED.

H. M. S. LONDON CHRISTENED.

London, Sept. 14.
The cruiser London was launched to-day at Portsmouth. Lady Blades, the Lady Mayoress of London, appropriately performed the christening ceremony.

The London, which is of 10,000 tons, is the first of four cruisers of the 1925 programme. Designed by Sir William Berry, the Director of Naval Construction, she is also the first ship of her type. The name London has been perpetuated in the history of the British Navy, the new warship being the eighth of the line.—*British Wireless.*

LEVINE TO FLY EASTWARD.

LEAVING PARIS TO-DAY.

Paris, Sept. 14.
The American millionaire Mr. Levine, who has abandoned the recrossing of the Atlantic by air, declared to-day that he will start on a flight to the East to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

ON TO NANKING.

KUOMINTANG PARTY DELEGATIONS.

THE BRITISH YANGTZE INVESTIGATION.

REVENUE BY FORCE.

Shanghai, Sept. 15.

Two special trains arrived at Nanking yesterday, with Commissioners of the Kuomintang, who have just had a preliminary conference in Shanghai, and are going to Nanking to attend a general conference.

The first train arrived at 4 p.m. yesterday, with Chai Yuan-pei, Tan Yen-kai, C. C. Wu, and others on board. The second train left Shanghai last night, and is expected in Nanking this morning, with Chang Ching-kiang, Wang Pak-chun, Chan Kung-poh, Ku Mang-yu and several others.

It is understood that the preliminary conferences in Shanghai decided on the formation of a Special Committee to function as the highest executive organ of the Party and the Nationalist Government. The committee will consist of thirty Commissioners, who will be elected from among the leaders of the Shanghai, Nanking and Hankow factions, and also from among the neutral factors. The Commissioners to form this committee will be:

Wang Ching-wei, Tan Yen-kai, Sun Fo, Mrs. Liao Chung-kai, Yu Yu-yin, Tang Sang-chi, Chiang Chien, Chu Pei-teh, (representing the Wuhan faction); Chiang Kai-shek, Hu Han-min, Li Shi-cheng, Wu Chi-fai, Chai Yuan-pei, Chang Ching-kiang, Li Lieh-chun, Wang Pei-chun, C. C. Wu, Li Chai-sum, Li Chung-jen, Yang Shu-chang, Yeh Cho-isan, (representing the Nanking faction); Hsu Chung-chi, Chu Ching, Chang Chi, Lin Sun, Tan Chun, Tse Chi, Chau Lu (representing the Shi-shan faction, which is otherwise known as the Shanghai faction); and Feng Yushiang and Yen Shi-shan, (representing the neutral factors).

General Liu Chi, Feng Yushiang's delegate to the Nanking conference, arrived at Nanking yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei failed to leave Shanghai for Nanking to attend the Kuomintang conference. Last night the Hankow political leader issued a statement announcing that since the Hankow-Nanking reconciliation has succeeded, he is going to retire, following the example set by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

TRADE DELEGATION.

On Way to Chungking.

Chungking, Sept. 14.
The members of the British Trade Delegation, who are investigating the conditions prevailing along the upper Yangtze, and who arrived at Wansien two days ago, have continued on their way to Chungking.—*Naval Wireless.*

MIXED NEWS.

Good and Bad.

Changsha, Sept. 14.
When the Senior Naval Officer made an official visit to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs to-day, he was received in a very friendly manner, and it was indicated that the return of foreigners would be welcomed. The Commissioner gave his guarantee for the safety of foreigners as far as Sian-gan.

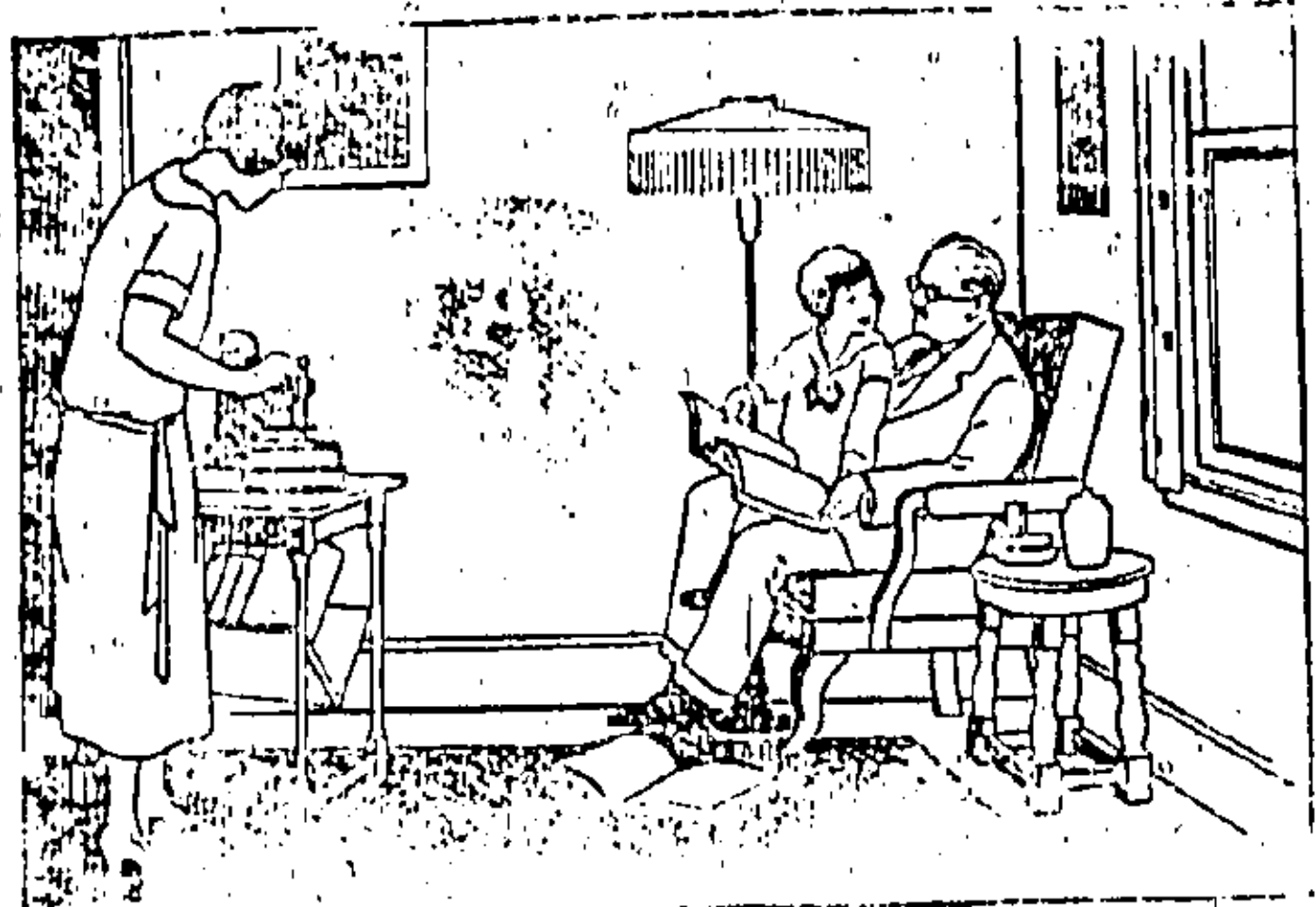
By means of force, the Provincial Authorities are obtaining some of the Custom House revenue from the Superintendent.

Bandits are again active, their latest outrage being the cutting of the railway line some ten miles beyond Changsha, and the plundering of a train.—*Naval Wireless.*

A FLUID SITUATION.

Kuomintang Disruption.

Shanghai, Sept. 14.
General Ho Ying-ching has moved 6,000 troops to Hangchow since the beginning of the week, giving rise to the suggestion that Chekiang is under Chiang Kai-shek and that Ho Ying-ching and Chow Feng-chi may break away. The situation is so fluid that even the best informed refuse to (Continued on Page 14.)



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CHINA WAR.

FENG YU-HSIANG REPORTED REPULSED.

Peking, Sept. 14.
The forces of Chin Yun-ao yesterday attacked Feng Yu-hsiang at Linying on the Peking-Hankow railway with a result not yet known. In the meanwhile Feng Yu-hsiang's force stationed at Hsueh-chow, Central Honan, are withdrawing northward in view of the fact that Wei-Yi-san is inclined to throw in his lot with Chin Yun-ao.—*Reuter.*

Fall of Chingkiang.

Shanghai, Sept. 14.
As the result of the fall of Chingkiang, Sun Chuan-fang's main force at Penpu has retreated in disorder northward.

Sun Chuan-fang's defeated forces are retreating along the canal. They number about 10,000 but only 3,000 of them were armed.

An official report of the 18th army states that Chingkiang was captured at noon on the 12th. The report states that over 2,000 were killed, 5,000 to 6,000 taken prisoners and a large quantity of ammunition and rifles captured.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

Tung-tai Captured.

Shanghai, Sept. 14.
The 92nd division of 31st Nationalists army under General Chang Chung-li has reported to have captured Tung-tai.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

OBITUARY.

A WELL-KNOWN SHANGHAI LADY.

The death is announced of Mrs. Anna Skale Dunn, wife of Dr. Thomas B. Dunn, which occurred in the Country Hospital, Shanghai, following a serious operation.

Mrs. Dunn, who, before her marriage in 1919 to Dr. Dunn, was Miss Anna Skale of Berkeley, California, came to China from Manila with her husband in 1920. The attack of intestinal obstruction, for which the operation was performed a few days ago, came on suddenly and Mrs. Dunn was removed to hospital.

Mrs. Dunn leaves, besides her husband, two small children, the youngest being eight months old and the other only three years old. She is survived, also, by her mother, three sisters and a married brother, all residing in Berkeley, California.

RECENT ACCIDENT.

COOLIE CHARGED WITH "NEGLIGENT DRIVING."

The case in which a rich man is being charged before Mr. W. Schofield with negligent driving, was again mentioned at the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday, when Miss Pearl Forster, who was slightly injured in the accident was called to give evidence.

Miss Forster in the witness box spoke of having engaged the defendant's ricksha at the Star Ferry on the afternoon of September 8. Witness was proceeding to her home in Cameron Road and on nearing the Station Hotel the coolie turned into Carverton Road.

The defendant had attempted to cross Nathan Road and turn into Carnarvon Road in front of a bus which was travelling in the direction of the Ferry. The bus collided with the ricksha and Miss Forster was thrown out, sustaining minor injuries which later received medical treatment.

The case was adjourned till tomorrow.

SPANISH CHANGES.

COMPOSITION OF ASSEMBLY.

Madrid, Sept. 14.
General Primo de Rivera in a manifesto to the people says that the projected National Assembly will have a minimum membership of 325 and a maximum of 375. It will not be a legislative parliament and will not share in the sovereignty of the nation but will collaborate with the Government in the work of preparing for the legislative body which will ultimately succeed it.

The Assembly will consist of three main groups, firstly, the representatives of the state, provinces and municipalities; secondly, the representatives of different nationalities; thirdly, the representatives of patriotic unions who supported the Government during the time of uncertainty and anxiety.

The decree convoking the Assembly says that the King will have the power to lengthen or shorten its lifetime, which in principle is fixed at three years.

The following will be ex-officio members: the Admiralissimo and Chief Naval Staff, the Captains general of the army, the Presidents of the Council of State, the Presidents of the Supreme Courts of Justice, the Presidents of the Supreme Councils of War, Marine and Finance, the Presidents of the various orders of nobility, the Archbishops, high officials of the Supreme Court, the Governors of the Bank of Spain, the Banco Hipotecario, Banco de Credito Local; the generals commanding Madrid and Barcelona, the Civil Governors, Bishops, Majors of Madrid and Barcelona and the Rectors of the Universities of Madrid and Barcelona. Women will be eligible for election.—*Reuter.*

FORCED TO SIGN.

HIGH-HANDED ACTION IN CHANGSHA.

Shanghai, Sept. 14.

A message from Changsha says that the provincial authorities on Sept. 9 asked for a loan of \$1,000 from the Commissioner of Customs, who refused. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs on Sept. 12, with an armed escort, entered the Commissioner of Customs' Office and demanded that he should sign a cheque for \$3,621. The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs stated that the demand was authorised by the Central and Provincial authorities.

The Customs Commissioner refused, whereupon he was forcibly removed to the Foreign Office building and detained until he had signed the cheque and the cheque was cashed. The Customs Commissioner has lodged a protest.—*Reuter.*

FASCIST SHOT.

COMMUNIST FIRES INTO GROUP OF OFFICERS.

Ravenna, Sept. 14.
A Communist named Missiroli fired several shots from a revolver into a group of Fascist militia officers wounding the commandant of the 81st Legion seriously and the secretary of the local Fascist organisation slightly. The latter fired twice at the assailant killing Missiroli.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH FINANCE.

LARGE INCREASE IN REVENUE RETURNS.

Paris, Sept. 14.
The revenue returns for the first eight months of 1927 totalled 25,816,000,000 francs showing increases of 1,171,000,000 on the budget estimates and 6,000,000 over the same period of last year.—*Havas.*

WEDDING BELLS.

ARGUS LIEUTENANT MARRIED AT SHANGHAI.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai, when Miss Eva Elise Covert, daughter of Mr. William Covert, of San Francisco, California, was married to Mr. Edmund Russell Gildner Baker, Royal Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gildner Baker of Budleigh Salterton, Devonshire. The Very Rev. Dean Symons officiated at the service assisted by the Rev. E. S. Ulyat, Chaplain of H.M.S. Argus.

The groom is a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, and is attached as observer to the Flight of the Fleet Air Arm of H.M.S. Argus, planes of which are stationed at the Race Course at the present time.

Captain A.R. Palmer, R.N., Commanding Officer of the Argus, gave the bride away and Lieut. George Oliphant, R.N., a pilot in the same Flight as the groom, acted as best man. Following the ceremony the bride and groom passed under an archway of crossed swords formed by brother officers of the groom, a large number of whom attended the service.

Nimmo-Foster.

The wedding took place in Union Church, Shanghai, of Miss Nellie Foster, of the staff of the Shantung Road Hospital and of Bolton, Lancashire, to Mr. James Nimmo of Dumbarton, Scotland, and a member of the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co.

The Rev. C.G. Sparham, assisted by the Rev. E. Box, performed the ceremony.

Dr. H. Couper Patrick gave the bride away and other attendants of the bride were the Misses Dora Clark, Yui, Tan and Li, as bridesmaids, and as flower girl and page Miss Myfanwy Beynon and Master George Black. Mr. Moffat Gerard was best man and Messrs. O.G.R. Beynon and A. Black acted as ushers for the ceremony.

SOVIET REPRISALS.

A FINAL VERDICT.

Leningrad, Sept. 14.

The Supreme Court in the judgment in the espionage case says that the verdict is final and no appeal will be admitted. The sentences will be carried out on the 15th inst.—*Reuter.*

Woman Sentenced.

Apart from the cryptic and incoherent semi-official accounts of the Leningrad espionage trial and the sharply conflicting accounts of various newspaper correspondents, insufficient material is available to show even the nationality of those convicted or the specific charges. Goyer is officially described as an English sea captain and unofficially described as a Dutchman.

Those convicted include Madame Klopushkin (68), who is alleged to have sheltered the son of Madame Kounitzen, eighteen years of age, who was accused of carrying a copy of reports to the Finnish Consulate at Bonn. She was sentenced to five years imprisonment. The prosecutor's five hour speech was mainly an indictment of England and of Sir Austen Chamberlain's last note.

Alleged Espionage.

Moscow, Sept. 14.
The Supreme Court judgment that it is considered to have established the fact that from 1918 the British Intelligence service organisation carried on energetic espionage in Russia, utilising refugees and securing the assistance of the members of the intelligence staffs of certain states adjoining Russia.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE DISASTER.

YEN 20,000,000 DAMAGE.

Tokyo, Sept. 14.

The airplanes Asahi and Mainichi which visited the typhoon-devastated area, have just returned with photographs showing scenes of refugees watching the dead and streets covered with muddy water waist deep, as well as blown-down houses and telegraph poles and numerous signs of damage done to property. One report estimates the total damage at Yen 20,000,000, including the loss of large areas of reclaimed agricultural land which is now under sea water owing to the tidal wave. The casualties ascertained up to the present number 719.—*Reuter.*

Casualty Report.

Tokyo, Sept. 14.

The latest official reports from four prefectures affected by the typhoon give 401 deaths, 2,313 injured and 812 houses destroyed and washed away practically all in Kumamoto prefecture.

The tail of the typhoon struck the Tokyo and Yokohama district this morning resulting in six persons being injured, and three houses being destroyed while several thousand houses in the lowlying parts of Tokyo were flooded. Thirty children were injured when a school roof was blown off.—*Reuter.*

PIRACY PRECAUTION.

AN OFFICIAL PRONOUNCE- MENT REGARDING GRILLES.

With reference to the recent intimation that the matter of Piracy Prevention and the regulations in respect thereof were shortly to come before the Legislative Council, the following circular has been issued over the signature of the Harbour Master and addressed to masters of all ships plying within the danger zone, out of Hongkong:

"It has been brought to my notice that certain horizontal grills dividing off passenger decks in certain ships fitted under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance are kept locked at sea. The only horizontal grills required by the present Piracy Ordinance regulations are those leading to the Engine room and Bridge Decks. These should be kept locked but you should instruct your guards that all other horizontal grills should be left open."

SEOUL TRIAL.

KOREAN AND JAPANESE COMMUNISTS.

Tokyo, Sept. 14.

The first public hearing of the case involving 95 Korean and Japanese Communists, charged with intriguing against the existing social order took place yesterday morning at Seoul. The strictest precautions were taken to guard the local court against the possible activities of Communists, one thousand police surrounding the building, around which wire entanglements were erected.—*Reuter.*

WORLD FLIGHT.

KASUMIGAUURA REACHED.

The "Pride of Detroit" landed at Kasumigaura at three o'clock this afternoon.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, Sept. 14.

It is announced that the "Pride of Detroit" expects to hop off for Midway Island on the 16th. inst.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, Sept. 14.

The Czech plane landed at Ping-yang at 4.50 and is hopping off for Mukden to-morrow morning.—*Reuter.*

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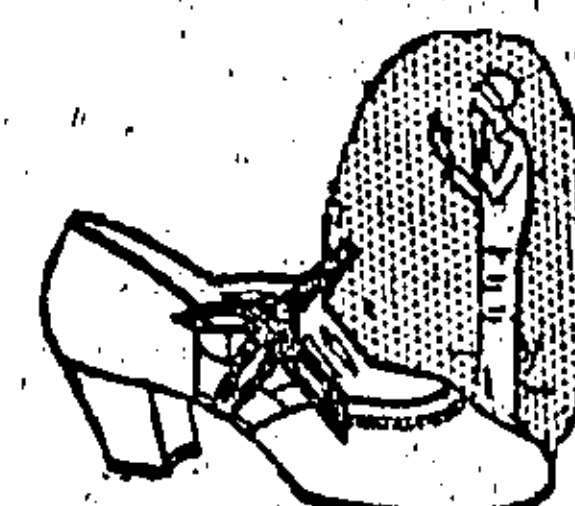
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SWISS RIFLE COMPETITION.—Group taken at the Rifle Range at Shanghai when the Swiss Community met for the annual shooting competition for the "Toll Statue." The picture was taken during an interval of the shoot. The statue was finally won by Mr. A. Egli, of Messrs. Arnhold and Co., Ltd.



OPENING OF OLYMPIAD.—The opening of the Eighth Far Eastern Olympic Games in Shanghai was the occasion for bringing together one of the largest sporting crowds in the history of local athletics. An official reception was extended to the visiting competitors by the Vice-President of the Far Eastern Athletic Association, Dr. Chang Po-ling. A parade of all competing athletes was a feature of the afternoon's ceremonies. The above picture shows the gathering of officials on the stand during the parade.



CHANNEL SWIMMER.—A "husky" swimmer is Edward Temme, the young Englishman who recently swam the Channel from Cape Gris Nez to Dover. His time was 14 hours, 27 minutes.

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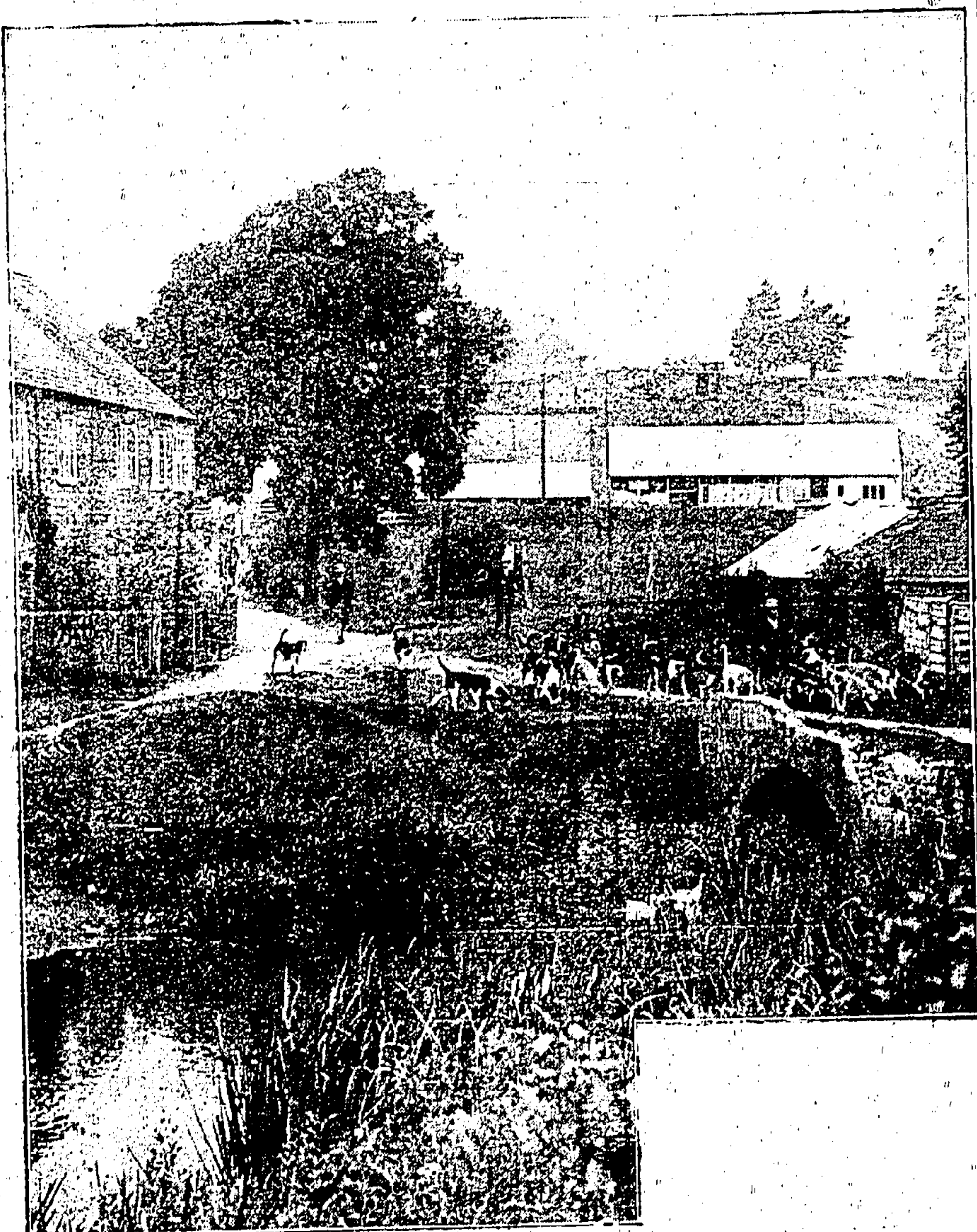
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OTTER HUNTING.—The Culmstock Otter Hounds, which were first started in England towards the end of the 18th century, met on August 5, at Axminster. Our picture shows the field arriving at the Stone Mills, Coarndon, close to where the hounds took to the stream. (Times copyright).



KIDDIES HAVE A TREAT.—Bringing the seashore to the humid city streets is a job undertaken each year by New York. Special attention is given the poor of the tenement belts, and the youngsters take full advantage of the occasion to invent games. One barrel and a little ingenuity has turned a fire hydrant into a veritable fountain in the lower picture, while above is a wading pool created in Central Park.

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The International Race and Recreation Club invite the Members and their guests to an Open Air Dance to be held at the Macao Race Course Pavilion 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 17th September 1927. Amusements will also be opened.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Seventy Yearly Drawing of the Hongkong Club (1920 issue—\$500 each) was held in the Club House on THURSDAY, the 8th September, 1927, when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption:—

26 280 484 545 721
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By Order,

A. H. ABBAS,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th September, 1927.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

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33 261 480 623 745
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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Liangchow	September 15.
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	September 15.
Shanghai	Devanha	September 16.
Shanghai	Hanyang	September 17.
Amoy	Talma	September 17.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	September 18.
Straits	Hakone Maru	September 18.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	September 19.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	September 20.
Japan	Tango Maru	September 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	September 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II.	September 27.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Straits	Kabinga	Thurs., Sept. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Taihing	Thurs., Sept. 15, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Malwa	Thurs., Sept. 15, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Takliwa	Thurs., Sept. 15, 5 p.m.
Japan	Aki Maru	Fri., Sept. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Sept. 16, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Devanha	Sat., Sept. 17, K.P.O.

Parcels 10th 4.30 p.m.
Registration 17th 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels 16th 5 p.m.
Registration 17th 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 15th October)
Amoy Kinyuan Sat., Sept. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy Anking Sat., Sept. 17, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Carmarthenshire Sat., Sept. 17, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok Kiangsu Sun., Sept. 18, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Kaijo Maru Sun., Sept. 18, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia Hakone Maru Mon., Sept. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Manila Pres. Cleveland Mon., Sept. 19, 4.30 p.m.

Amoy Sinkiang Mon., Sept. 19, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Honolulu Shinyo Maru Tues., Sept. 20, 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiyang Tues., Sept. 20, Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Rhexenor Tues., Sept. 20, K.P.O.

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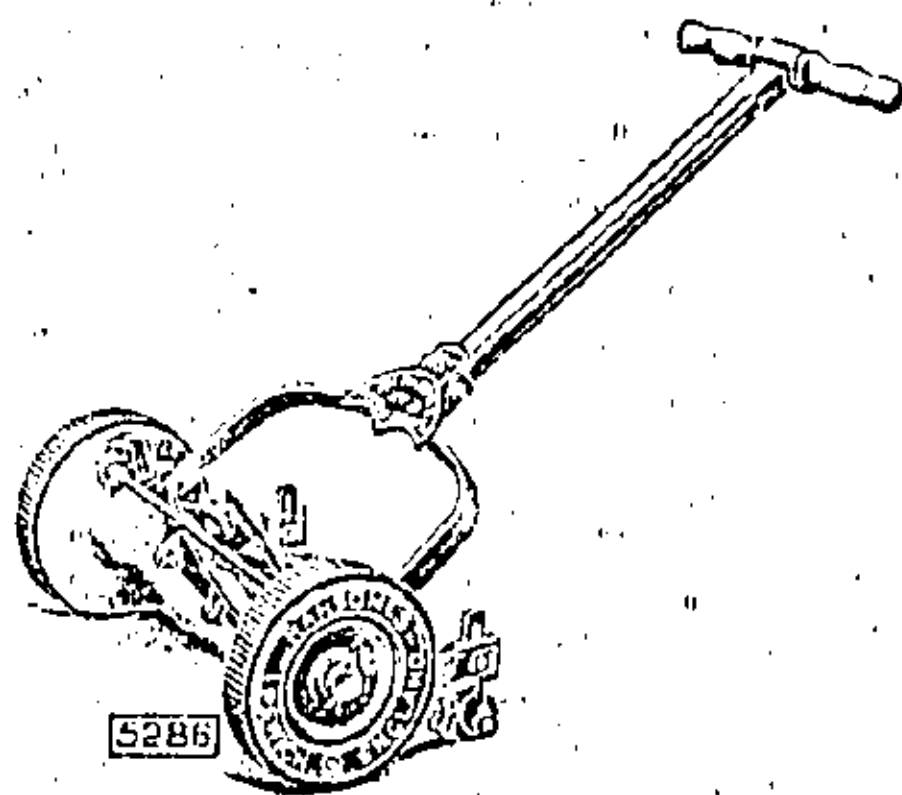
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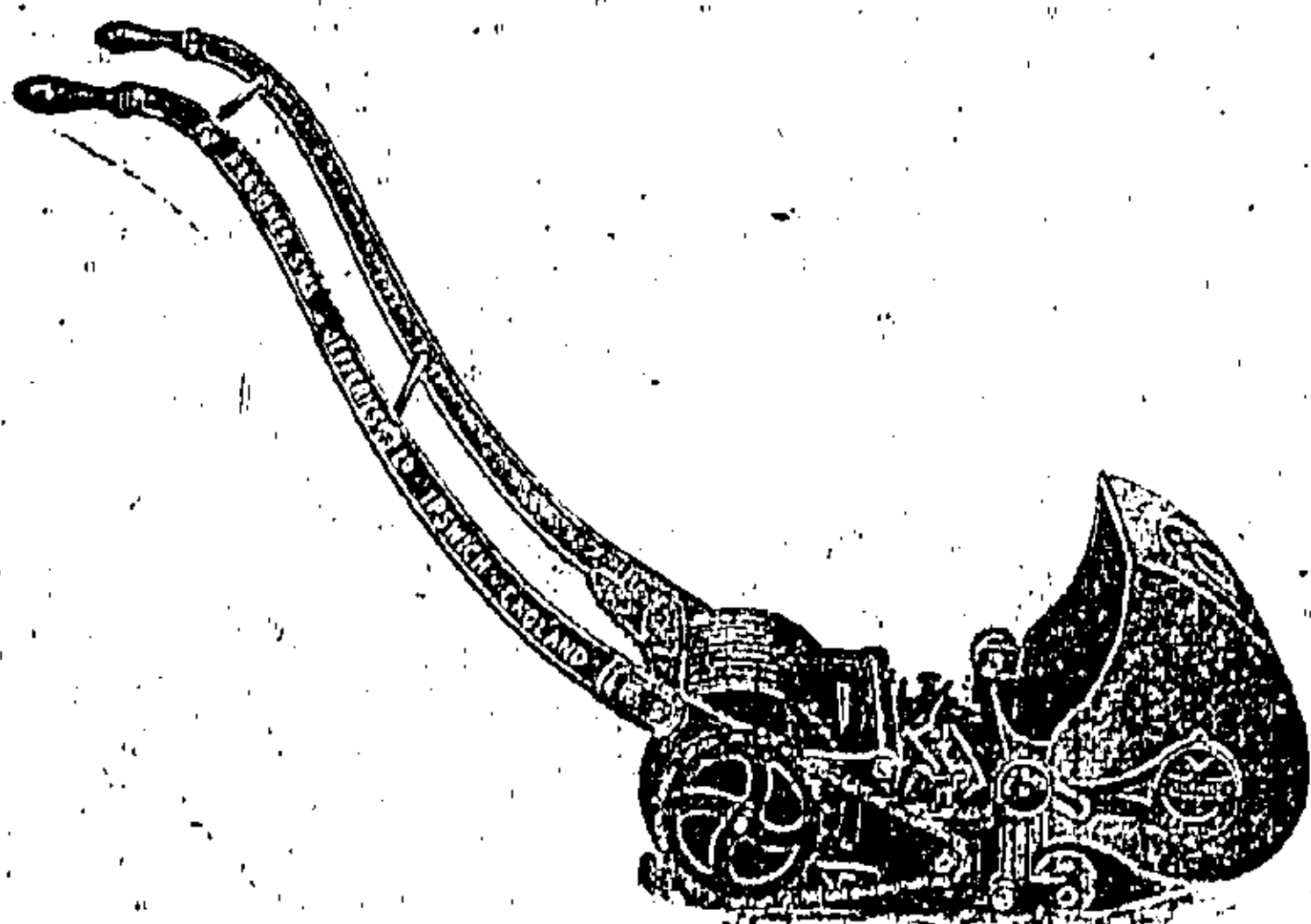
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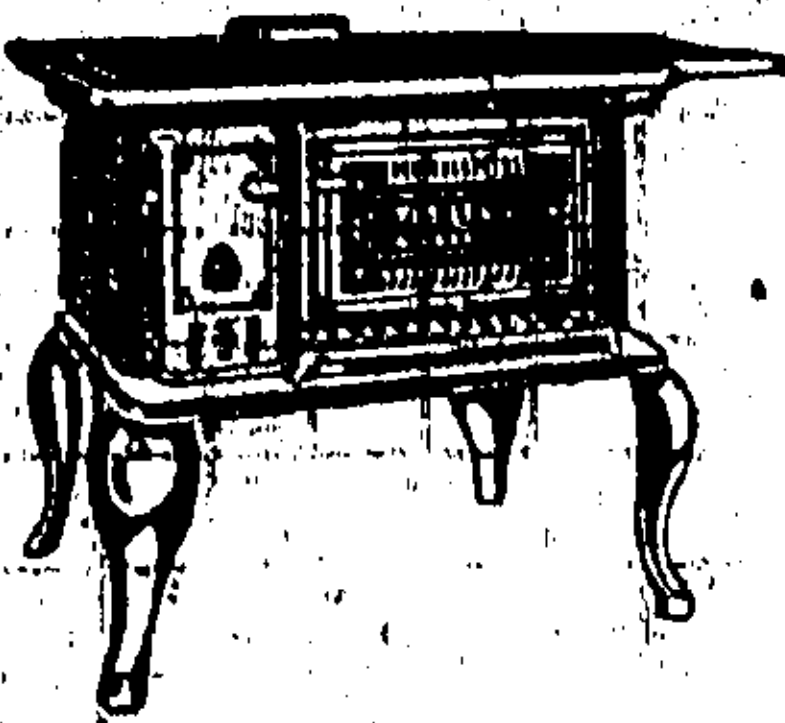
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THURSDAY, SEPT. 15 1927.

THE KUOMINTANG CONGRESS.

All eyes in the Far East, so to speak, will be turned to Nanking to-day, where the Kuomintang is holding one of the most important conferences in its existence. There has arisen in the past few months a schism in the party founded by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the most apparent break being that between Hankow's regime and the Nanking clique, of which the late Generalissimo, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, was the head. There has also been a third party, not taken much note of, but apparently wielding considerable power, formed at Shanghai. This last-named unit has been favourably inclined towards Nanking, and antagonistic to Hankow. Now, however, the three sections are meeting, in the endeavour to reunite as a party representative of the Nationalists of China. The portents are seemingly favourable, for at preliminary conferences the leaders of the various factions have come more or less to an agreement. The aim of the conference to be held to-day is primarily the appointment of a Special Executive Committee, fully representative of all interests, which is to function as the fountain-head of the Kuomintang in future. If all goes well, and unity is re-established, the hands of the Nationalists will be greatly strengthened, and the reform of the party, including the discarding of the reactionary elements fostered by Moscow, should be an early accomplishment. Despite the somewhat pessimistic feeling in certain quarters, we are inclined to think that the Nanking congress will have important results, and lead to a reunion in the ranks of the Nationalists. The fact that prominent men like Tan Yen-kai, C. C. Wu, Li Lieh-chun, and others, are prepared to meet at a round-table conference and discuss the return to a united Kuomintang party, augurs well. General Li Chai-sum, at Canton, also appears most favourable to a rapprochement. There is a possibility of some opposition coming from the Nanking commander, General Ho Ying-chin, who apparently finds it difficult to forgive the Wuhan clique for their previous antagonism, but it is likely that better counsels will prevail, and the unification of the Nationalist body be accomplished.

What the Kuomintang will be able to do after it becomes again a single force, is a matter for speculation at present. If it is representative of the whole of China south of the Yangtze, it will naturally claim a big voice in the country's affairs, and its claims cannot be denied. Better a body with which one can treat as a unity, possessing a defined policy, than a scattered nonentity of clashing interests, which on the morrow may be out of office through an overnight coup. The policy of the new Kuomintang, regenerated and purged of the recalcitrant elements, is likely to be decidedly anti-Communist. The original break between Marshal Chiang and the Wuhan party came about through this clash of outlook. It is very significant that immediately prior to the important Nanking conference, and following the anti-Red campaign in Hankow, certain prominent members of the Kuomintang should have left Wuhan for Moscow, to seek spiritual, if not more substantial, support from the Soviet. It rather lends colour to the suggestion that the Communist element is to be finally barred from the present Nationalist Government of China—which is a hopeful sign for the country and its people.

Budget Discussion.

To-day has witnessed a full-dress debate in the Council Chamber on the merits of the Government's Budget proposals for 1928. The Unofficial speeches being found elsewhere in this issue. Owing to the hour at which the meeting is held it is not possible for us to-day to give the official replies, but we imagine that the task of the Government spokesmen must have been an exceptionally easy one this year, for there was very little in the way of criticism in the speeches of the Unofficials. There was, on the contrary, unanimous support for the Government's policy of economy, the Senior Unofficial Member (Sir Shouson Chow) particularly emphasising the wisdom of retrenchment. The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton also urged that it would be unwise to add to the Government's proposals, so far as loan raising is concerned, and it would seem that there was very general disagreement with our own contention that the Government is playing over-cautious and failing, in consequence, to inspire local development. Far be it from us to urge the Government to embark upon a policy of spending just for the sake of it, but we are not convinced that the present time is inopportune in which to display a little courage in the matter of fostering industrial and other development. The Colony's trade and commercial activity has been in the doldrums long enough, and if we are going to sit by placidly content to wait with folded arms until the happening of some special circumstance which will act as a fillip (and possibly a false one, as experienced in 1923) to our domestic expansion, we shall doubtless have to wait a long time. As we said before, we would like to see the Government actively exploring possibilities and assisting others to do so. But when it is announced that the Government can make no financial move to help any private enterprise, "no matter how deserving," and when that announcement is not commented upon by our Unofficial Members, who chorus their praises of the Government's wisdom, we find it difficult not to wish for a more virile expression of opinion.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Sept. 15.

Paris	124
New York	4.85 1/16
Geneva	25.21
Brussels	34.92
Amsterdam	12.13 1/2
Milan	8.85
Berlin	20.44
Stockholm	18.09
Copenhagen	18.17
Oslo	18.41
Vienna	34.50
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	28.71 1/2
Lisbon	2.13 1/2
Athens	364
Bucharest	785
Rio	5.27 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.31 1/4
Bombay	1/5.05 1/4
Hongkong	1/1.11 1/2
Shanghai	2/6 1/4
Yokohama	1/11.5 1/2
Silver (spot and forward)	25.9 1/16

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

PATIENCE IS THE ART OF HOPING.
—Vauvenargues.

One Chinese case of enteric (imported) was reported yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Devanha is due here from Shanghai to-morrow evening.

The s.s. Empress of Canada is due here from the north on Tuesday next.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is: Light, variable winds; fair to showery.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 16 departures, of which three and six respectively were British, leaving 59 vessels in harbour, British 22.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Empress of Asia, Laisang, Solviken, Svala, Devanha, Talma, Van Heuts, Kwangtung, Calchas, Hanoi, Tean, Namsang, Tjisaroen, Seistan, Tonkin, Carmarthen, Tjimanek, Menado Maru, Taikwa Maru, Kalgan, Emil Kirdorf.

A Chinese woman was interrupted while attempting suicide yesterday afternoon. Friends who called on her at her home, No. 355 Queen's Road West, found she was endeavouring to strangle herself with a piece of string, and promptly rushed her to hospital, where she is recovering. To the police, the woman stated that she had lost all her money and property through gambling, and that was the reason she sought to take her life.

In the annual report of the Director of Education for 1926, it is stated that the revenue (from school fees) amounted to \$109,464.75 as against \$94,416.00 in 1925. The expenditure was \$910,063.09 a decrease of \$109,842.14 from the previous year. There figures do not include expenditure on School Buildings or Furniture which are debited to Public Works. The decrease was mainly due to less expenditure under Building Grants.

The Forbes Russell Comedy Company, who are opening a season at the Theatre Royal to-morrow night, arrived from Singapore by the s.s. "Malwa" this morning. The present tour which has been through India, Ceylon and the Straits, has proved most successful, and it is expected that the reception in Hongkong will be equally good. The Company comes with a good reputation, and a most attractive repertoire, the first play being "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne," which had a long run at St. James Theatre, London. Booking is at Moutrie's as usual.

Some time ago it was reported in the vernacular newspapers that a Chinese living in the Lai-chikok Road, Samshuipo, was alleged by his wife to have been missing, and later the case was reported to the police. Added to the mystery is the fact that the man drew out all his money from the bank, without saying anything beforehand to his wife and suddenly made himself scarce. It is also known that the man is a returned merchant from America with a small fortune which he acquired abroad. The vernacular press now states that the wife of the man recently received a telegram from her husband, who is in America stating that he was swindled of a sum of \$28,000 some time ago, when he was still in Hongkong. It is not stated in the telegram under what circumstances the swindlers obtained his money, or why he should have to go back to the States so precipitately. Altogether a very intriguing affair.

A GIRL'S THEFT OF CIGARETTES.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE
SERIOUS.

A Chinese girl employed at the Nanyang Tobacco Factory was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, with the larceny of 325 cigarettes from a bonded warehouse of the Company.

After commenting on the girl's long service with her employers, by whom she was apparently well-treated, his Worship said that the offence she committed was liable to another charge in addition to the one of stealing. That was, she had taken from a bonded warehouse cigarettes on which duty had not been paid.

Mr. J. W. Carrie, of the Imports and Exports Office, said that apparently the girl did not realise her offence in this direction. He was not pressing the case, if she pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny. On this latter charge, the girl was fined \$10, or 14 days.

OBITUARY.

A FAMOUS BRITISH ACTOR- MANAGER.

Johannesburg, Sept. 14.
The death has occurred of the actor, Mr. Arthur Bourchier.—*Reuter*.

[Arthur Bourchier, the actor-manager was born at Speen, Berkshire, in June, 1863, and educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. Hitherto no theatre had been allowed there. A "rag" was organised to call attention to the situation and the participants were hailed before Jowett. Bourchier was spokesman and instead of being "sent down" was invited to breakfast. The result of his arguments was that a theatre was built and that undergraduates were permitted to form a dramatic society.]

Thus Bourchier became the founder of the famous O.U.D.S. whose productions, however, were restricted to Shakespeare and the classics. After playing many parts at Oxford he first appeared on the professional stage with Mrs. Langtry at Wolverhampton in September, 1889. His London debut took place in February, 1890, at the St. James's as Jacques in "As You Like It." In the same year he was lessee of the theatre for a time. Having thus begun at the top of the tree, he felt the need for training and experience. He therefore joined Sarah Thorne's stock company on the Margate circuit for a time. Then after touring with Miss Fortescue he joined Wyndham at the "Criterion" and later acted with George Alexander. In 1892 he joined Augustin Daly's company playing in New York, but returned to London in 1893. Next year he married the well-known actress Violet Vanbrugh.

In 1896 he became lessee of the Royalty and in 1896-7 toured in America. In 1910 he and his wife joined Tree at His Majesty's, where Bourchier scored a notable success as Henry VIII. At the Shakespeare Tercentenary performance at Drury Lane on May 2, 1916, he played Brutus in the all-star cast of "Julius Caesar." In 1916-7 he toured variety theatres and in the latter year began to play Old Bill in the "Better Ole" which had a run of 800 performances. His first marriage having been dissolved, he married in 1918 the actress Kyrle Bellew with whom he appeared in modern melodrama.

Both as a tragedian and a comedian Bourchier took high rank on the London stage and his career as an actor-manager was remarkable for the production of a number of successful modern plays by Suro and others. He was also responsible for several adaptations. In connexion with the dispute between the actors' union and the managers in 1926 he and his wife took the side of the former and joined the Labour party, lending their theatre for political rallies, notably during the general strike. In Feb. 1927, they set out on a theatrical tour embracing South Africa and Australia.

FUNERAL OF MRS. KAN HUNG-CHIU.

BIG PROCESSION THROUGH THE TOWN.

One of the largest Chinese funerals that has been seen in Hongkong for some time, took place this morning when the remains of Mrs. Kan Hung-chiu were conveyed through the centre of the town for interment at Pokfulam cemetery. She was the wife of Mr. Kan Hung-chiu, who is a well-known figure in Chinese business circles, being a director of the Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Company and a partner of the Ming Tai Bank, 161 Queen's Road Central.

The length of the funeral procession was unusual, stretching from the Central Market past the City Hall, Murray Parade Ground, Wellington Barracks, as far as Wanchai Road. All the employees of the factory, numbering some 3,000, followed the coffin. In addition, 2,000 coolies were employed to carry the attendant paraphernalia.

Over 200 pieces of silk were sent as tokens of sympathy, this being the Chinese equivalent of the custom of sending wreaths.

A small ceremony was held outside the Ming Tai Bank. Outside the main entrance a joss-table was laid with candles and joss sticks. As the procession passed, the mourners bowed, and when the coffin came along it was stopped for a while. The principal mourner knelt for a few minutes before this table, after which the procession passed on. This is in accordance with the ancient Chinese funeral rites.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Captain C. G. Sal-lal, 1st Punjab Regiment, and Miss Anne Slater, of the Shanghai General Hospital.

The Very Idea!

In the club they were talking of men who, though famous and wealthy, were at the same time very mean. "I once knew a man," said Butler, "who was so economical that he used to cover up his ink-well between dips in case any should be lost by evaporation." "But I knew a man," observed Butler, "who stopped his clock every night to prevent the works wearing while everybody was asleep!" "I knew a man," said Butler, "meaner than either of those," said Butler. "He gave up reading newspapers in public libraries in order to save his spectacles."

Her husband trumped her ace of spades. Which got him in a jam. She reached across the table, and He got a little slam.

Strange reasons are given by parents who refuse free dental treatment for their sons and daughters in the London County Council schools. One mother wrote: "His father has had toothache all his life, so the child will have to put up with it."

Other reasons given by parents include:

"Bad teeth run in the family."

"He won't go, and I can't make him."

"What was our teeth given us but to eat with, and you want to draw them."

"I'll take her to a proper dentist when her teeth ache."

"Shock was so great in another child that it brought on scarlet fever."

"Is the child mine or the London County Council's?"

Dalston landlord: The trouble is that my wife dislikes the lodger—but he makes up a hand at solo.

Mr. W. B. Luke, Willesden magistrate: Bad language used constantly to a wife may amount to moral cruelty, but that scarcely comes within the purview of this court.

Judge Cluer at Shrewsbury: The older we become, the more liable we are to be impetuous.

Midland solicitor: The policeman adopted that gentle, persuasive method of inserting his fingers between the man's collar and his neck and tugging firmly.

Why the English language is despair of the foreigners—
A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps. Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper, the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper jumps the sleeper and wake the sleeper in the sleeper, by striking the sleeper on the sleeper, so that there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.

Socialism does not mean that everyone will have a motor car.—Mr. R. C. Willhead, M.P.

There is no reason why we should suffer—as we all do at times—from the "Monday-morning feeling."—Sir Charles Wakefield.

Suicide is the only enterprise in which, if you are successful, you are labelled as of unsound mind.—Dr. Edwin Smith.

Two young ladies were talking about a third who had just become engaged to a widower who played the cornet and had four children.

"What could be worse," exclaimed one, "than four children and a cornet?"

"Nothing," said the other quietly, "excepting perhaps, six children and a trombone."

Everybody knows the woman who smokes, and the girl who drinks cocktails and cuts her hair like her brother is not uncommon. Now the girl who shaves has made her appearance.

Two of these very modern young women, staying at a house in West Somerset, sent a request to a Minehead hairdresser to call at the house to shave two people. The hairdresser, who frequently goes to private houses to shave invalids, went, expecting to find two old gentlemen requiring his services, and not suspecting his unknown customers were of the other sex.

The poor man nearly collapsed when he found two girls awaiting him and his razor. Not so his customers, who thought the matter quite an ordinary one and, after providing the required toilet materials, they sat quietly in their chairs while the still-wondering hairdresser lathered their chins, then, with due solemnity, he proceeded to remove from their faces a slight growth of down.

TO-DAY.

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IN CANTON FROM DAY
TO DAY.MERCHANTS MAY GET THEIR
MONEY BACK.

H.K.-CANTON TELEPHONE?

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 14.

There is a possibility that the Government will not press for the full payment of the \$10,000,000 required from the merchants, and those who have already advanced money to the Central Bank may receive back their money.

"A deputation of merchants yesterday went to see General Fung Chuk-man, Commissioner of the Finance, and informed him that most of the merchants find it extremely difficult to raise the loan in full, on account of the business depression. They pointed out that under the conditions of the loan, the whole sum was to be used to meet the run on the Central Bank, and to restore the credit of the banknotes. Now that the run on the Bank has stopped, and public confidence in its notes has been restored, further payment of the loan will be unnecessary, said these merchants.

Shortage of Funds.

So far, about \$5,000,000 has been paid to the Central Bank. The total currency flowing in the money market in Canton amounts to \$30,000,000. Over \$12,000,000 has gone to the district towns. If the Government insists on the full payment of \$10,000,000, that means the public will have only \$8,000,000, which will be insufficient for business transactions, concluded this deputation. They further asked that, if possible, the funds paid into the Bank should be returned.

General Fung should asked sympathy towards these proposals, and said that the request might be considered after the Political Council had considered the matter.

Hongkong-Canton Phone?

The director of the Canton Telephone Administration has submitted a plan whereby a long-distance telephone service may be inaugurated between Canton and Hongkong.

Because of the large flow of trade between the two ports, it will be of great profit to the public and to the Telephone Administration to maintain a Hongkong-Canton telephone service. The rate for this service will be charged according to the time used during the conversation.

The complete installation will cost about \$100,000, and the whole matter will be submitted to the Canton Municipality for consideration. It is possible that this service, when approved, will connect the station at Shek Tam and certain towns on the Canton-Kowloon Railway. At present the only long-distance telephone service is between Canton and Shek Tam.

Troops Mutiny.

A report to hand says that a division under General Woo Him, Garrison Commander of Wai Chow, have mutinied, and openly defy the Canton authorities.

Two days ago they drove out the troops of General Chen Chui-tong, and many wounded returned in Shek Lam.

More Government forces have been sent to Wai Chow to disarm those rebel troops.

General Li Chai-sum has sent a long telegram to Nanking urging Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Chairman Wang Ching-wei to co-operate together to achieve the national revolution.

GAVE HIS LIFE FOR
SCIENCE.INQUEST ON NOTED
ANAESTHETIST.

London, Sept. 14.

How a doctor gave his life for science was told at an inquest which was held at Manchester, today, into the death of Dr. Sidney Rawson Wilson, the eminent anaesthetist.

Dr. Wilson was found dead, by his wife. He had a mask round his mouth, and it was evident he had been experimenting with anaesthetics.

Witnesses deposed that he was accustomed to administer anaesthetics to himself, alone in his study, and to make notes as far as possible of his sensations. He knew the serious risk involved, but trusted to his knowledge of the subject. His experiments were principally directed to invent a mixture of nitrous oxide gas and oxygen which would support consciousness, so that persons might be conscious to everything else except the sense of pain.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.—British Wireless.

BRITISH OPERA FOR
ALL.FINEST FOR TWOPENCE A
WEEK.

SIR THOS. BEECHAM'S PLAN.

London, Sept. 14.

Sir Thomas Beecham, who has done much much for British opera, unfolded to-day some details of a new scheme whereby he hopes to establish British opera on a permanent basis.

He estimated that there are 150,000 people in this country to whom his scheme would directly appeal, and he calculates that an opera season such as he would like to give would inevitably mean the loss of 250,000. This sum would be provided if the 150,000 persons would subscribe eight shillings a year, or only twopence per week.

His slogan, therefore, is twopence a week for the finest opera in the world.

Subscribers to the enterprise would be given preferential treatment in regard to seats, paying less for them than the prices charged to the general public. Opera would be provided in London, and in some of the great provincial centres, with the finest material available in the Empire. The personnel of his operatic company would be 95 per cent. British.

He added, "I leave five per cent. open, because it is quite possible that for some little time I may have to call upon foreigners in departments in which British artists and producers, and so on, have little or no experience."—British Wireless.

POLISH GENERAL'S
DISAPPEARANCE.ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
SECRETLY ARRESTED.

Warsaw, Sept. 14.

The whole country is excited over the whereabouts of General Zagorski, the popular Opposition leader, who mysteriously disappeared after his release from prison five weeks ago.

It is alleged that the authorities again seized him secretly, and are interned him on an island off Dantzig. Colour is lent to this assumption owing to the receipt of a letter from Zagorski bearing the Dantzig postmark, containing a contribution to the "Aviators Victims Fund," alleged to be forwarded by means of a trick.

A semi-official explanation is that Zagorski is at present in Paris, and got a friend at Dantzig to take his letter and post it there.

Zagorski was arrested last year on technical charges after declining to support Marshal Pilsudski's coup d'etat, and was imprisoned for fifteen months. He is reported to have arrived at Warsaw last August to await Pilsudski's return from the country, but it was later declared that he had obtained his passport, and never returned.

A semi-official explanation is that he has gone into hiding in connexion with the charges for which he was arrested, although no official indictment has been prepared. Zagorski is known to have been at loggerheads with Pilsudski since the Great War.—Renter.

ARMED ROBBERY.

TWO MEN CHARGED.

The sequel to the arrest of three men who were alleged to have been concerned in the robbery at No. 184, Lajehkok Road, was the appearance of two of them before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court, this morning, when it was intimated that another man wounded was still in hospital and there was a possibility that he would never appear before the Court.

Sub. Inspector Fallon charged two of the arrested men with complicity in the robbery and, in asking for a week's formal remand, said that the third man was in the Government Civil Hospital suffering from bullet wounds.

In reply to his Worship, Inspector Fallon said that the female occupant of the house was scratched across the face but not seriously. Both the man and his wife had been badly mauled but their injuries were only slight.

Asked if, in the absence of the wounded man, the case could be proceeded with, Inspector Fallon replied in the affirmative and said that the man would not be discharged from hospital for some time while it was possible that he would not be able to appear before the Court at all, although the doctor had stated that he would recover.

The two charged were both remanded for one week.

ALARMING RAILWAY
INCIDENT.SEVERAL LENGTHS OF LINE
TORN UP.

A TIMELY DISCOVERY.

The possibility of a serious wreck of the Canton-Kowloon express was averted by the discovery early on Tuesday morning that several lengths of the line had been maliciously torn up at a point about fourteen miles from Canton.

The interference must have taken place during the night of Monday-Tuesday, and was discovered by a plate-layer in time to prevent the express from leaving until repairs could be effected. The train was delayed three hours thereby.

Whether the cutting of the line was a deliberate attempt at train-wrecking, or whether the perpetrators of the outrage thought to bring about a suspension of the through service can only be conjectured. No information is available to indicate the persons responsible for the outrage.

The full service has been maintained since Tuesday without further sign of interference.

P. & O. STOCKHOLDERS
QUERY ACTION.OPPOSITION TO INCREASED
CAPITAL.

London, Sept. 14.

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's meeting has been adjourned to October 12.

Opposition was offered by stockholders, at the extraordinary meeting to-day, to the proposed increase of capital. Lord Incheape, presiding, said that the company's charter had not left them any option in the matter.

An amendment was carried by 44 to 38 in favour of an adjournment, to enable the board to consider the deferred stockholders' views.

Lord Incheape called for a poll, but subsequently announced that the meeting would be adjourned for two or three weeks.—Renter.

A message of September 6 stated: The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company propose to increase their capital to £7,632,000, by the issue of £1,000,000 of additional deferred stock. The new capital is required to pay for new tonnage, etc. An extraordinary meeting is to be held on September 14 to pass a resolution in this connexion. The new issue will be made at a price of £200 per £100 of deferred stock.

MEDALS FOR POLICE
OFFICERS.IN RECOGNITION OF ZEALOUS
SERVICE.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police, to award Police Medals to the following officers of the Hongkong Police Force:

The Second Class Police Medal to Chief Inspector W. Kent, for zeal, ability and initiative as Traffic and Chief Inspector.

The Third Class Police Medal to Divisional Inspector P. Grant, for zeal and ability as District Inspector, West, during the past four years.

The Fourth Class Police Medal to Inspector Patterson, for exceptional ability as Principal of the Police Training School.

The Fourth Class Police Medal to Acting Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds, for steady and reliable work throughout his service in the Police Force.

The Fourth Class Police Medal to Sub-Inspector F. Shattain, for zeal and ability throughout his service with the Force.

A LAME HAWKER
EXCUSED.BUT SECOND MAN FAILS
WITH SAME PLEA.

A hawker who was charged with obstruction at Wanchai, by depositing his baskets on the roadway, pleaded to the Magistrate this morning that on account of his being lame, he was unable to proceed for more than a few paces at a time, and at intervals had to deposit his baskets on the roadway. He also stated that he was poor, had no clansman to assist him, and had a mother, 80 years of age, who was still living.

The hawker's plea succeeded, and he was discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindell with a caution. The very next man who was charged with a similar offence, promptly gave the same excuse.

His Worship: "The same story won't work twice running. Fined \$3."

BOARDING WITHOUT
PERMISSION.RIGHTS OF LICENSED MONEY
CHANGERS.

AGENTS TAKE ACTION.

The dock at the Marine Court was overtaken this morning, when Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., took his seat. No less than 27 offenders were lined up to answer charges which were mainly relative to boarding ships without permission.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for 10 money changer's foks, who were charged with boarding s.s. Takliwa, at the Kowloon Wharves, on September 14, without permission of the commanding officer. A plea of not guilty was entered.

Sergeant Carson of the Water Police stated that he boarded the Takliwa at 2.30 p.m. in response to the Police flag. On boarding he was informed by the Chief Officer that there were a number of hawkers and other persons on board who had been warned to leave the ship in the forenoon, but had not done so. With the help of Chinese detectives the defendants had been rounded up.

Mr. M. K. Lo asked witness if he was aware that the 10 defendants were the employees of a money changer, carrying out their usual business and witness admitted that this was so. In reply to further questions, it was stated that the men in question had a large sum of money with them, amounting to approximately \$6,000. A license was subsequently produced, showing the accused to be employees of a money changer, who had permission to carry out his business on board ship. It was the first time that witness had cause to arrest money changers.

Inspector Brown, addressing His Worship, stated that the agent of the shipping company was present and did not wish to press the charge, but Mr. Lo objected, saying that the Police Officer was taking a step too far advanced, as his announcement involved the penalty which might be inflicted.

Mr. Lo continuing, put it to His Worship that there was no case to answer, in that, although under a certain Section of the Ordinances, no person could board without permission of the master, or by lawful authority, nothing had been given in evidence to show that these persons had boarded without permission. The police evidence was only hearsay from the Chief Officer. He postulated the case of His Worship boarding an Empress boat to meet a friend. Could he then be charged for unpermitted boarding?

The ship at the time of the alleged offence had been berthed for some six hours and was in a state to do shore business, all navigational duties having ceased and therefore it was quite in order for shore people to board.

His Worship:—Subject to the decision of the master!

Mr. Lo:—Of course, but permission is implied, once the ship is berthed. I therefore put it to your Worship that the prosecution has been misconceived.

His Worship:—The terms of the license do not mean very much, but under the circumstances the case will be dismissed.

Other Boarders.

Subsequent to the previous case, 15 other defendants were arraigned for boarding s.s. Takliwa under similar circumstances. All pleaded guilty stating that they had no knowledge of the law.

Inspector Brown stated that action had been taken by the Police at the request of the steamship agents. On the day of the offences, notices had been posted in various parts of the ship warning hawkers and others to clear off. These notices were posted at 11 a.m., three hours after the ship's arrival. The arrests were made at 2.30 p.m. This was substantiated by the third officer of the Takliwa, representing the Company.

His Worship remarked after reference to the charge sheet, that whether the hawkers were licensed or not, made no difference, they being on board without permission. He would let them off leniently, by inflicting a fine of \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment in each case.

Urgent Business.

Yet another hawker, acting as a boarding house runner, was charged with boarding s.s. Haimun while that vessel was still under way. He pleaded guilty.

Inspector Brown produced a substantiating letter from the master of the ship, and stated that the defendant had climbed on board the Haimun from a motor boat, by means of a bamboo boat hook while the vessel was under way.

In reply to questions by His Worship, defendant stated that he boarded to solicit passengers, his

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APPEAL BY CANTON
MERCHANTS.UNABLE TO MEET THE
EXACTIONS.

FOREIGNERS AND LAND.

(A Special Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 14.

News is to hand that on the evening of the 12th (Monday) members of the local Chamber of Commerce visited the new provincial treasurer, Mr. Fung Chuk-man, with the appeal that he should cause to have rectified certain matters concerning the raising of the amounts of money which the Government lately demanded. In the first instance the merchants aver that they are unable to pay more than has already been handed in. This first matter is to go before Li Chai-sum and it is thought, and hoped, that he will consider the appeal and decide in favour of the merchants. These people also complain that Koo Ying-fan should not have been instrumental in closing down the businesses run by the money exchangers. This order was issued by the erstwhile national treasurer during the financial trouble, and at the time soldiers were brought in to execute the order. This action, so the merchants state, was absolutely unnecessary and caused a great deal of the recent friction between the Government and the citizens. That a large portion of the money already subscribed by them be returned, is another plea presented, and it is imagined that they will also gain the day in respect of this, because the Government is now on a fairly sound financial basis, but a section of the community is a little sceptical and says that the Government will not part easily with the money, and if it is eventually handed back it will only be after much thought on the part of the different Government departments concerned.

The third clause in the appeal is that the Government is to stop collecting money from the merchants and be satisfied with the amount already raised. And, lastly, the merchants demand that formal notice be issued by the Government, stating that the luxury tax has been definitely cancelled; and also they are desirous of having the stamp tax, a tax imposed some time ago and still in vogue, treated in a similar way to the former one.

The luxury tax was cancelled some weeks ago, apparently only indirectly, and the merchants now require proof in writing that this is an accomplished fact. They fear that this tax may be imposed again, but with documentary evidence, proving the cancellation in the first instance, this would not be possible.

Fung Chuk-man has promised to present only certain clauses in the appeal for Government consideration.

Return of Gen. Cheung.

A rumour current in the city that Cheung Fat-fu, and part of his army, were to return to Canton, is now confirmed, if evidence of four large arches being erected in honour of this General can be considered confirmation. The work on these arches of homage and tribute to General Cheung was commenced recently.

So far as can be gathered, all (Continued on Page 14.)

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The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What houses and in what novel did "four dogs fight for val curtains out of a silver basket"?
2. Who was Dumas' most famous collaborator?
3. To whom did Hamlet speak of Aeneas?
4. What character in fiction gave his name to a breed of dogs, and in what novel is he?
5. What novel written by a woman influenced the Oxford Movement, and by whom was it written?
6. What part in Shakespeare supposed to have acted best?
7. Who had the greatest moment of his life when he met Samuel Johnson in Davies' back parlour?
8. Who wrote these lines and in what poem?

9. "Calme was the day and through the trembling ayre Sweet-breathing Zephyrus did softly play."
10. What famous eighteenth century poet had in his garden a temple made entirely of shells?
11. Who was the author of "Little Red Riding Hood," and in what year was he born?
12. What Italian poet wrote the libretto of Verdi's operas, "Otello" and "Falstaff"?

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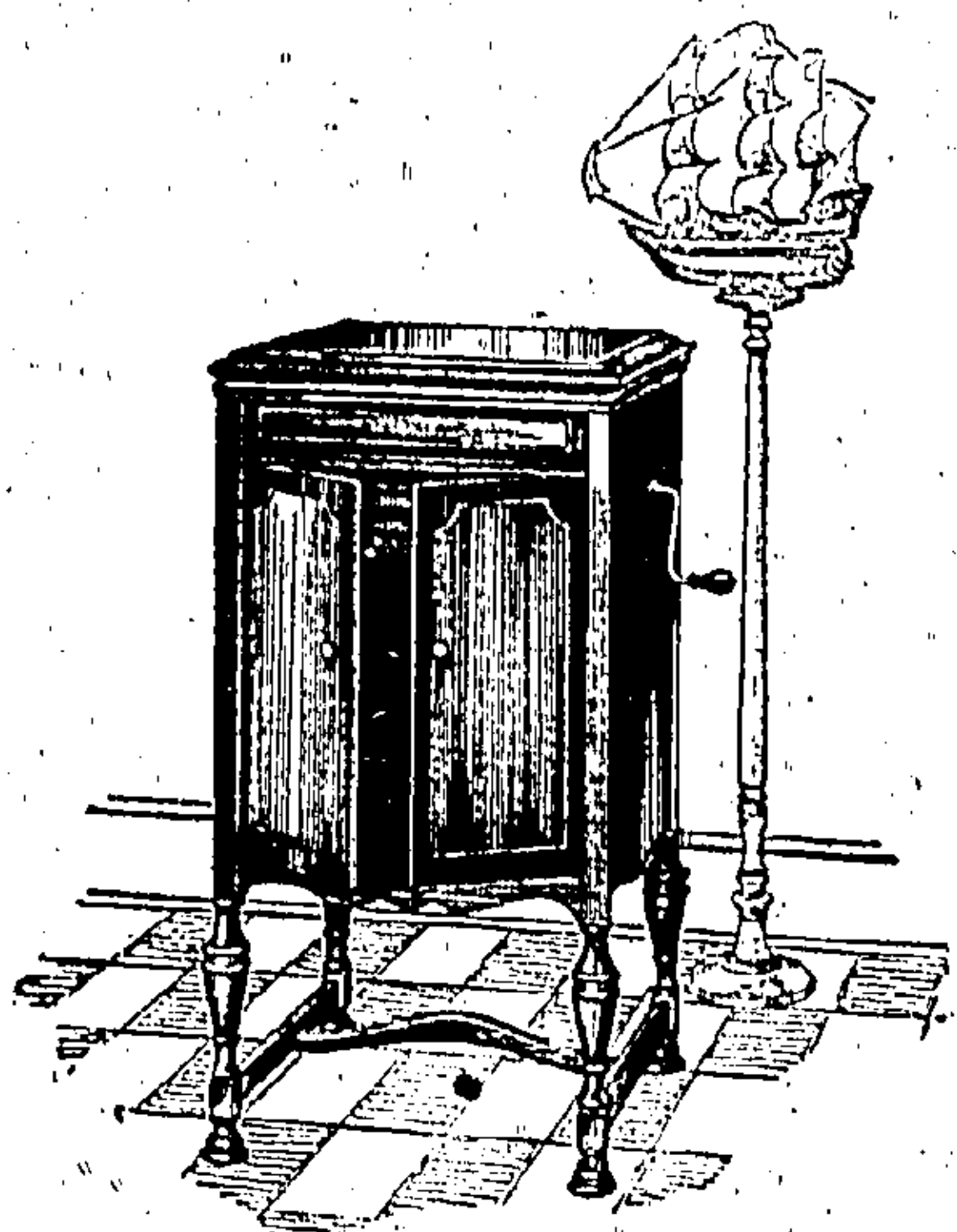
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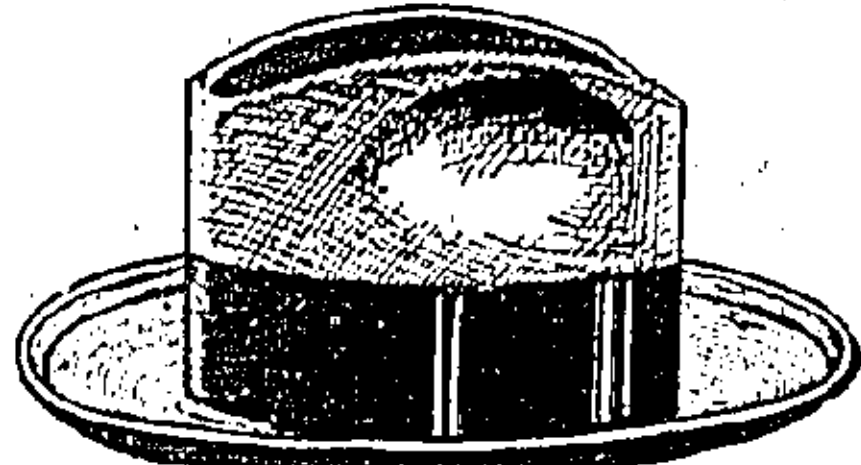
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BUDGET DEBATE IN COUNCIL.

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encouraged to use the hospital, will give greater satisfaction to the public, with whose money it was that the hospital was built in celebration of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's jubilee.

The increased use being made of the services of locally trained probationer nurses is welcome, for not only are these nurses doing very useful work, but this will in time be the means of spreading a knowledge of Western medicine and hygiene throughout South China.

Vehicular Ferry.

In connexion with the Estimate of the Public Works Department we should like to refer to the scheme for a vehicular ferry. We hope that the matter will not be lost sight of, and we await with interest the report we understand the Government will publish when the matter has been fully considered.

Water Supply.

Another important public work which has had to stand over is increased water supply. We note that a Sessional paper will shortly be issued on the proposed Aberdeen Reservoir. If this was the one referred to during the Budget debate nearly a year ago as having an estimated capacity of 200 million gallons, we cannot think that this will do much towards meeting the growing needs of the island as it would increase our storage capacity by less than 10 per cent. At that debate your Excellency stated that you hoped before long to lay on the table of this Council "a sessional paper giving very full information on every aspect of our water supply problem, and furnishing all the data necessary for formulating our future policy in this respect," and that a Commission would be appointed to study it. The importance of an adequate supply of fresh water for the island of Hongkong and Kowloon cannot be over emphasized and we trust, sir, that this sessional paper will not be unduly delayed.

Aerodrome.

The proposal to build an aerodrome, to which your Excellency alluded in your speech at the last meeting of this Council, affords pleasing evidence that the Colony is keeping fully abreast of the times. When the aerodrome is completed Hongkong will have an important new asset, and will take its place as a link in the chain of airways with which the Imperial Government is binding the Empire yet closer together. The community's satisfaction with the prospect of this new acquisition to our commercial and social amenities is increased by the knowledge that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has proposed that the Imperial Government shall bear three-quarters of the cost, and the Colony one-quarter. It is sincerely to be hoped that this proposal will receive the approval of His Majesty's Government.

Concluding Remarks.

Before concluding, Sir, I wish to express our entire agreement with the sound policy you are pursuing in husbanding the financial resources of the Colony while at the same time pushing ahead essential public work that can be undertaken without undue financial strain. Hongkong to-day, with all its troubles, is still one of the greatest ports in the world, and may look to regain the premier position one day. A Colony like this cannot stand still, for to stop is to go back. Hongkong does not intend to go back. The vitality it has shown in face of every trial in recent years more than justifies our faith in the future. Your Excellency has referred to the wonderful results that can be achieved when Britons and Chinese collaborate in the development of a country. An example of this is to be seen in the present splendid co-operation between the British and Chinese sections of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. The Colony needs only loyalty and co-operation which were displayed by all sections of the community in the face of the big crises of 1925 to make it invincible against all attempts to check its progress; and we can assure you, Sir, with all confidence, that you can count upon the same measure of loyalty and co-operation in that future to which we are looking with steadfast hope and unshaken faith.

HON. MR. D. G. M. BERNARD.

Co-Operation with Chinese.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, said:—As the Senior European Unofficial Member of this Council, I wish to associate my colleagues and myself with the address which has just been delivered by the Senior Unofficial Member. This is the first occasion on which the views of the Unofficial Members have been presented by a Chinese Member, and I wish to take the opportunity of congratulating my honourable friend on the able manner in which he has performed this very important duty.

In his concluding remarks he drew attention to the necessity of co-operation between British and Chinese which I think is generally recognized as being essential for

the well-being and progress of the Colony. It is therefore especially gratifying to find that to-day the Unofficial Members have been happy to leave the expression of their collective views on the Budget in the hands of the Senior Chinese Member and, on their behalf, I want to thank him for the able way in which he has presented them.

THE HON. DR. KOTEWALL.

Plea On Behalf Of Education.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall said:—The task of presenting the views of the Chinese community on the Budget has fallen on me this year, and my senior Chinese colleague desires me to say that he associates himself with all the views and sentiments I am about to express.

Arising out of the item "Assessed Taxes," which appears on page 6 of the draft Estimates, I beg to bring to your Excellency's notice an anomaly which exists in the present method of valuation under the Rating Ordinance. This is to be seen in some cases in which the owner of a partially occupied house has to pay a larger sum for the rates for one quarter than the rents he receives for one month. The payment for rates is altogether out of proportion to the rents received; and I submit that the Ordinance should be so amended as to give the Assessor discretionary power, which he has not at present, to make a special valuation in these cases. Happily, such cases are few, but where they exist, they constitute an obvious injustice.

School Fee Increases.

The item "Public School Fees" on page 9 shows an increase of \$87,000. When commenting upon this increase in his speech at the last meeting of this Council, the Hon. Colonial Secretary characterised it as "a small increase," and said that it could not be considered a serious burden. I agree that the sum is small when it is spread over the whole population; or when it is compared with the amount spent on education by the Government. But to those individuals who have children to educate, particularly to those of the working classes earning from \$30 to \$100 a month, the additional fee would be a very serious burden indeed. Hit by the prolonged trade depression, with the cost of living steadily rising, these people already find it hard to make both ends meet; and many parents of large families are not a little exercised in their minds as to how they are to keep their children at school when the increase takes effect. One inevitable result would be that a large number of children would have to be withdrawn from school earlier than they would otherwise be—to the detriment of themselves and, consequently, of Society. Representations, couched in the most earnest terms, from all classes of the Chinese community, praying that the Government may see its way to reconsider its decision, have been made to my senior Chinese colleague and myself; and we feel bound to support this request.

Not in Terms of Dollars.

Heavy as our expenditure on education is, I respectfully submit that money so spent by the State should not be regarded as a strictly business investment, such as, for example, money spent on a railway, when the outlay must be commensurate with the direct return expected. The value of State-education cannot be assessed in terms of dollars; it is in many ways analogous to the governmental policy in regard to Public Health. Your Excellency has been even more precise in stressing the point. When replying to the unofficial members during the Budget debate last year, you said that money spent by us on education was of the utmost value to British interests in China, and you further expressed your agreement with the Chinese unofficial members when they said that they did not grudge the expenditure.

Since these utterances were made, nothing has occurred to justify a change of policy on the part of the Government. I would therefore respectfully but strongly urge your Excellency to postpone enforcement of your decision until times are better. If this small financial gain is placed against the hardship to the people who will be unable to bear the extra burden, and the bad effect which the increase will have on the community through a setback to education, it will at once be apparent that the balance weighs heavily in favour of postponement.

Grants-In-Aid.

There is a further matter in connexion with education, to which I desire to call attention. The Hon. Colonial Secretary, in his speech at the last meeting of this Council, warned non-Government schools receiving grants under the Grant Code, that in future a limit must be fixed for grants under the Code; and that expansions involving claims beyond the amount provided in the Estimates would not be admitted by the

Government as a legitimate charge on the revenue. While I recognise that a limit must be set to such grants owing to the need for economy, I venture to hope that the Government will consider special applications in a sympathetic and liberal spirit, for any action tending to retard the natural expansion of a school which is doing good work would be a retrogressive step, to be much deplored.

My senior Chinese colleague and I note with satisfaction that \$10,000 has been provided in the Estimates for the purchase of water-meters for Kowloon. This is welcome news in that the popular demand, hitherto made by the Chinese without result, is now being met, if only to a partial extent. We raised the question last year, and it is gratifying to us to find that our representations have borne fruit.

On behalf of the Directors of the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals, we beg to thank your Excellency for having sanctioned the payment of the cost of free burials carried out by these two institutions. The Chinese community is keenly sensible of the sympathetic interest which your Excellency takes in their welfare.

I must not conclude, sir, without associating the Chinese community with the congratulations as well as the assurance of loyalty and support tendered by the Honourable Senior Unofficial Member. During the troublous times through which the Colony has passed, the community has been greatly heartened by the practical sympathy shown by His Majesty's Government on more than one occasion. The loyalty which the Chinese feel towards the Government is equalled by the loyalty they feel for your Excellency personally. The patience, judgment and untiring zeal which you have displayed in governing the Colony in these extremely difficult times have won the respect, admiration and, I may say, affection of the people. Your example has been an inspiration to us all—an inspiration which has steered us against adversity, and renewed our faith in the future. (Applause.)

HON. MR. W. E. L. SHENTON.

A General Review.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton said:—Your Excellency, in your speech introducing the estimates which are now before us, you have directed general attention to a retrospect of this Colony's history for the past thirty years—a period of great interest, not only to the residents of this Colony, but to all who are concerned in any manner in the Far East. Unquestionably, Your Excellency's review will be closely followed in many parts of the world. No resident of this Colony could have listened to or read Your Excellency's survey of events and figures without a feeling of satisfaction as to the stable basis on which this Colony rests, and a sense of pride in its continuous prosperity in the face of all adversities. Your Excellency has referred to three set backs in this Colony's career during the period under review, but a close scrutiny of the figures goes to show that although we are at present experiencing a time of commercial depression, nevertheless its resources are stronger than they have ever been.

The years which Your Excellency has chosen by way of comparison are:—

1906 as compared with 1908.
1918 as compared with 1920.
1923 as compared with 1926.
The revenue of 1906 was \$7,035,011 and for 1908 \$6,104,207, a difference of \$930,804. The revenue for 1918 was \$13,665,248 and for 1920 \$14,689,671, a difference of \$3,975,677. The revenue for 1923 was \$24,783,762 and for 1926 \$21,131,581, a difference of \$3,652,181. The land sales for 1906 were \$412,941.53, for 1908 \$69,358.19, for 1918 \$299,289.23, for 1920 \$556,349, for 1923 \$3,488,797 and for 1926 \$286,342.

Land sales, if I may be permitted to say so, should not be taken into consideration when calculating this Colony's revenue, as they vary according to the whim of the speculator and are a varying factor over which there is no control. Large revenue from land sales unfortunately indicates either trouble in China or an unhealthy financial condition in this Colony. It must also be borne in mind that by reason of the large reclamation schemes now in course of development, the demand for Crown Land is likely to be restricted for some time to come.

Favourable Comparisons.

For the purpose of my argument, therefore, I propose to reduce the revenue from land sales during the year 1923 to a normal basis, and for the purpose of demonstration I shall adopt the year 1926, and the position, therefore, is that the difference in revenue between 1906 and 1908 was \$930,804, between 1918 and 1920 \$3,975,677 and between 1923 and 1926, after deducting the land sales of the year 1923 and adding the land sales of the year 1926, \$449,726. We, consequently, arrive at this conclusion that, notwithstanding the fact that revenue in 1923 was about three and a half times as great as the revenue in 1908, and the expenditure even greater, after deducting the large

land sales of 1923 and putting them on the basis of 1926, i.e. \$286,342, which on the present estimates is a high figure, the actual position between 1906 and 1908 as compared with 1923, our record year, and 1926 is most illuminating, because the figures show a loss of revenue for the year 1908 of \$930,804, whilst for the year 1926 only \$449,726, or favourable to the year 1926 by \$481,076. The position between the year 1920 and the year 1926 is too obvious even for comparison.

Strength of Resources.

Such a state of affairs after the trying and difficult years through which this Colony has passed, having done everything in their power to ruin it can only be a matter for mutual congratulation and outstanding evidence of the great strength of its resources and the stability of its constitution.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary has, in the course of his speech, intimated the policy of Your Excellency to finance certain schemes of general public utility coming under the category of Public Works Extraordinary, by loans secured on the public revenue of this Colony. This policy although not new to the Colony is exceptional, as the previous policy has been, to meet, as far as possible, all expenditure out of current revenue. Whilst it cannot be denied that it is unfair to make the present generation pay for the advantages which posterity will reap the most advantage of, nevertheless in the present condition of the Colony's finances, the utmost care should be exercised in embarking on new schemes, confining them as far as possible to essential requirements, as against luxuries.

Caution Advisable.

In this connexion advantage might be gained from an examination of our financial position for the past five years by comparing our revenue against our expenditure, leaving out of our calculations (for reasons I have already stated) the revenue obtained from land sales. In the year 1922, the surplus was \$1,006,258.33, the year 1923 shows a deficit of \$276,939.36, the year 1924 a deficit of \$4,426,024.58, the year 1925 a deficit of \$5,592,689, the year 1926 a deficit of \$2,579,469, the year 1927 an estimated deficit, including land sales, of \$1,787,305 and the year 1928 an estimated deficit, including land sales, of \$2,079,655.

At the end of the year 1928 on the present basis of figures it would appear that we shall have used up our present liquid assets. Assuming the present conditions prevail for the year 1929, we shall be faced with having to exercise more rigid economy or look for fresh sources of taxation, therefore, too much care cannot be exercised in embarking on new enterprises.

Judicious Borrowing.

We are, however, fortunate in that the ambitious programme which was undertaken in the past, will, I understand, have been completed and paid for out of revenue by the end of the year 1928. We must not be forgetful of the fact that those responsible in the past have handed down to us an inheritance almost unencumbered, a position possibly unique, and posterity will have every right to look to us for a similar stewardship. We must also bear in mind that posterity may have legitimate claims for borrowing, or circumstances may arise in the future, as in the past, which may call for claims on the Colony's credit, consequently, it would be undesirable to borrow up to the full extent of the Colony's resources. I notice that the Government has not confined its borrowings to money in the past, for on page 66 of the estimates (item 19) I find we have borrowed a mechanical device, now in operation at the junction between Des Voeux Road Central and Pedder Street, for keeping the public of the Colony presumably in the right path.

Confidence Wanted.

The period through which the Colony has now passed has been a very difficult one for every business concern, and though we appear happily to have turned the corner, and there are signs of better times, nevertheless a very considerable improvement will be required, before the former position is again reached. At the present it cannot be denied we are chiefly suffering from the disturbed conditions in China, but there is, nevertheless, a general all-round want of confidence, which is assisting to stagnate every market. Every effort, whether by legislation or by individual effort to restore the old confidence and re-establish institutions and concerns to their former position, should be the aim and object on all sides.

Cost of Living.

A matter of great concern and undoubted importance, is the continually rising cost of living in this Colony. It affects everyone, but more so that large body of essential residents, who are employees, and without whom the Colony cannot exist. This matter should receive special consideration and it might be possible to hold a representative Inquiry to ascertain, if possible, its causes, also to appoint a permanent official to keep a con-

tinual watch on the position and investigate generally. One of the troubles, which appear to be the various profits which are made from the time foodstuffs arrive in the Colony until they reach the ultimate consumer. Efforts might be made to bring the retail consumer into more direct contact with the supplier. It must be borne in mind that the facilities and inducements for spending money have much increased in recent years, also that the residents of the Colony are living at a standard of luxury hardly contemplated fifteen or twenty years ago.

I note it has been found necessary to detail an officer specially to look after the accounting and financial work of the Supreme Court. I have difficulty in understanding this necessity because in years past when the business of the Courts was greater than it now is, no such provision was made or considered requisite.

Malaria and Health.

I have noted with particular interest the provision which is being made to deal with malaria, and instructing the villagers in sanitation and hygiene. Unquestionably in the past the ravages of malaria have robbed the Colony of an immense amount of manpower, so great that it is impossible to value it in money, therefore, no effort is too great to deal with this scourge. Bound up with malaria and other diseases are sanitation and hygiene in our villages, because, cleanliness and care in the villages will go a long way to eradicate malaria.

Under public works recurrent, the Honourable Colonial Secretary has dealt with the maintenance of bridges, and the upkeep of our splendid roads. I would, however, like to draw the Honourable Colonial Secretary's attention to the fact that the Taiipo bridge, which is in the main line of traffic, has been demolished for something like two years and during the whole of that period, there has only been a temporary wooden bridge, capable of carrying light motor traffic. For all practical purposes the position to-day is the same as after the demolition of the bridge two years ago.

From a perusal of the estimates, it would appear that whilst a small increase is expected in business and commercial transactions, a substantial increase in immigration from China may be looked for. I note that whilst the fees for marriage licences and the registration of births and deaths may be expected to increase by fifty per cent, the public executioner's fees are expected to increase to a similar extent.

British Products.

A careful consideration of the details of expenditure of the various departments, reveals the information that several steam launches, motor boats, motor cars and machinery are to be purchased in the coming year, and it is to be hoped that the selection will be confined to those of British manufacture and if construction is called for or production possible in this Colony preference will as far as possible be given to this Colony. Similar principles might with advantage be adopted by all Government Departments as well as by private concerns in this Colony as our industrial concerns require special assistance in these times.

Kowloon Matters.

I desire, on behalf of the Kowloon Residents' Association, to draw Your Excellency's attention to two matters—Bathing facilities and the Star Ferry Kowloon approach road. As to the question of bathing facilities, this matter has been fully dealt with by the Bathing Beach Committee, and estimates prepared in connexion with their Report. The Association, whilst appreciating fully the general financial position, so ably elucidated by the Honourable Colonial Secretary, hopes that Your Excellency will be able to see your way, year by year, to allocate money in this direction, increasing the amount as conditions improve. Whilst I am informed by people who are able to speak with personal knowledge, that in this Colony far more has been done by the Government to assist public bathing than in Shanghai, Singapore, Colombo and many other places, nevertheless one should not lose sight of the fact that sea bathing in this Colony has increased in popularity enormously in the last few years—that it makes for health and hygiene, and is, therefore, of general benefit to the Colony. It should not be forgotten that a large proportion of the bathing public, is, for various reasons, without motor transport or motorbuses.

As regards the Star Ferry Kowloon approach road, the congestion at most times of the day is appalling and the Association have prepared and submitted to Your Excellency an elaborate scheme, which it hopes will meet with Your Excellency's approval.

Kowloon Tong Market.

I further desire, on behalf of the Kowloon Tong Residents' Association, to draw Your Excellency's attention to their request for a market. There are now 200 completed houses and the remainder will, I believe, be completed next year. This scheme provides homes for a section of our community (Continued on Page 11.)

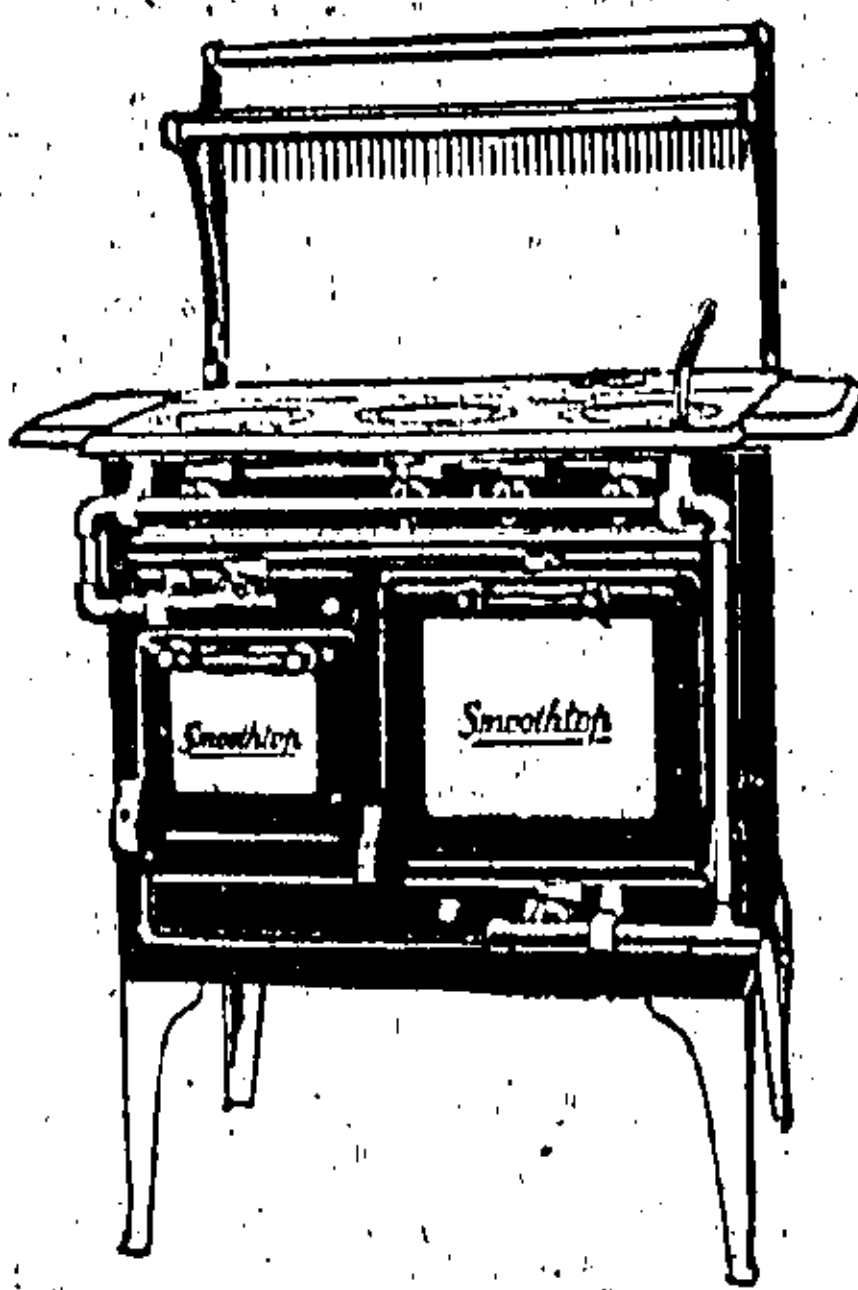
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K.R.A. MEETING.

INADEQUATE LIGHTING IN KOWLOON.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association took place in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Monday evening, the President, Mr. W. J. Stokes, being in the Chair.

After much discussion it was decided to call the attention of Government to the inadequacy of the street lighting in Kowloon and a sub-committee composed of Messrs. Cock, Manners and Bailey was appointed to prepare details for submission to the next meeting.

Correspondence between the Association and the Police regarding the dimming of motor car head lights was also discussed. It was decided to send a copy of this correspondence to the Hongkong Automobile Association.

Stopping Places Wanted.

It was decided to request the Police to arrange for two additional bus stopping places of Kowloon City between the junction of Prince Edward and Kowloon City Roads and the junction of Po Kung and Sai Kung Roads.

The Committee declined to accede to the request of the Kowloon Football Club to recommend that the bus stopping place at Austin Avenue be changed to Austin Road. It was pointed out that the former stopping place was most suited to the residents in that locality. The Association had in the past recommended the present position, as a service to football matches was only necessary at intervals during the football season.

Road Widening.

It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Government pointing out the desirability of taking advantage of the demolition of the Kowloon Taxi Cab Company's Garage to widen the west end of Salisbury Road by setting the southern pavement back to the line of trees, and so widen the "bottle neck" at this point.

The resignation of Mr. Stapleton, Hon. Secretary of the Association, was announced and accepted with regret, and Mr. C. Manners appointed in his stead. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Stapleton for the manner in which he had carried on the work at great personal inconvenience.

PLOT TO KILL A MOTHER.

TO PROTECT FAMILY HONOUR.

Geneva: When two brothers, aged 16 and 14 years respectively, arrested on their arrival at Geneva from Lausanne, were asked to account for the revolver in their possessions, they admitted having been to Lausanne for the purpose of killing their mother, whom they accused of conducting herself in such a manner as to dishonour the family name.

For many hours they kept watch at her flat and dogged her footsteps, but as she was never alone they resolved to postpone the execution of their project until a more favourable moment.

Their suspicious behaviour at Geneva attracted the attention of a gendarme, who took them to the police station.

A TYPIST'S SHORT SLEEVES.

EMPLOYERS DISAGREE ON OFFICE FASHIONS.

THE IRISH TABOO.

Monaghan Board of Health think that typists should not wear short-sleeved, low-necked dresses at business and have asked the secretary to suggest to their typist that she should adopt a more suitable fashion for the Board room.

A Press representative who interviewed a number of London employers found a remarkable diversity of opinion on the subject.

Miss Gordon, Holmes, London's only woman stockbroker and joint managing-director of the National Securities Corporation, Limited, who has had scores of young short-hand typists through her hands, said she wholeheartedly approved of short-sleeved dresses for office work.

Miss girls all wear sleeveless jumpers and they strike me as being very sensibly dressed for their work. I should regard long drooping sleeves, which collect dust and dirt and get in the way of the typewriter, as most unbusinesslike.

In my opinion, the present sleeveless dress of modern girls is sensible for any sort of work, sport, or play. I wholeheartedly approve of short sleeves in the office.

Backwoods Comment.

Miss Kerr-Sander, the head of a large secretarial training school, said—I am delighted to see that someone has at last denounced the short-sleeved dresses worn by office girls. The short-sleeved low-necked dress is the thing which I forbid among my girls.

Just before the summer holidays, I had a long talk with them and tried to point out to them the unsuitability of short sleeves and low necks for office wear. Besides being unbusinesslike, this fashion is not in the least becoming as the girls seem to think it is. It is downright ugly. I warned my girls that when they bought their office wardrobe, they would have to see that there were no short sleeves or low necks, as I refused to send any of my girls out to apply for posts in such a ridiculous attire.

"Short Sleeves Not Becoming."

This strikes me as a natural sort of comment to come from the backwoods of Ireland; said the secretary of the National Union of Clerks, referring to the criticism of the Monaghan Board of Health. Short sleeves are generally recognised now as being a great improvement upon the stuffy old custom of long sleeves which I have no doubt, would be approved of by the Board in question.

Of course, there are some offices where some sort of regulations are imposed upon the girls. The employers make it known that they like their typists to wear plain blouses.

Sometimes one has to recognise that the employer has a right to say what shall be the tone of his office, but generally speaking one does not approve of the employer going beyond the requirements of his business. So long as his typist carries out her work efficiently and adopts a quiet manner, this should be all that is required of her. But employers differ. A good many prefer to see their typists smartly dressed and, speaking for myself, I think short sleeves look smart.

Next, a typist, employed in a large city office, was questioned. I and my colleagues found that the most sensible things to wear were

TOO ALERT ALARMS.

NIGHT OF DIN WITHOUT ANY REAL PRETEXT.

People who live in that part of the West End where flats and houses are interspersed with business premises are becoming increasingly restive at the escapades of electric burglar and fire alarms which they wake up a whole area without any real pretext.

"This area from Regent-street to Bond-street is a nest of nifty burglar alarms," writes a correspondent to a London paper, who lives near Hanover-square, W.

"A burglar or fire alarm three doors away started at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, July 30, and continued unceasingly until 9 a.m. on the following Monday. One was obliged to go out to escape the noise."

"A few nights ago another alarm started at 10 and continued until nine next morning. Twice I have complained to passing policemen, who, while being sympathetic, explained that they could do nothing as all the premises were locked up and they were powerless to open them without good cause. Complaints to the owners of the alarms have been equally unsuccessful."

A NEW BRITISH DOMINION.

FIRST STEPS IN EAST AFRICA.

Nairobi: The third unofficial East African Conference was opened here by Mr. E. B. Denham, the Acting-Governor of Kenya Colony. Representatives of Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Northern Rhodesia, and Southern Rhodesia are attending.

Mr. Denham said that the conference was exercising a profound influence on East African affairs. He knew of no part of the Empire where the people took such an interest in political matters, which were also of Imperial concern.

Lord Delamere, the chairman, dealt with the closer co-ordination of East Africa. He considered, however, that Kenya would be unwise to federate unless its civilisation was previously safeguarded. He considered complete federation to be at the moment impracticable. They must proceed step by step to create one great East African British Dominion.

He thought that federation should proceed by the three northern territories (Kenya, Tanganyika, and Uganda) combining, leaving the two southern States to join in as a self-governing Rhodesia.

smart, long-sleeved overalls over our frocks, she said, indicating her green overall. By doing this, we can wear any kind of frock we like underneath without fear of getting it soiled or looking unsuitably dressed. I know several other offices where girls get over the difficulty in this way.



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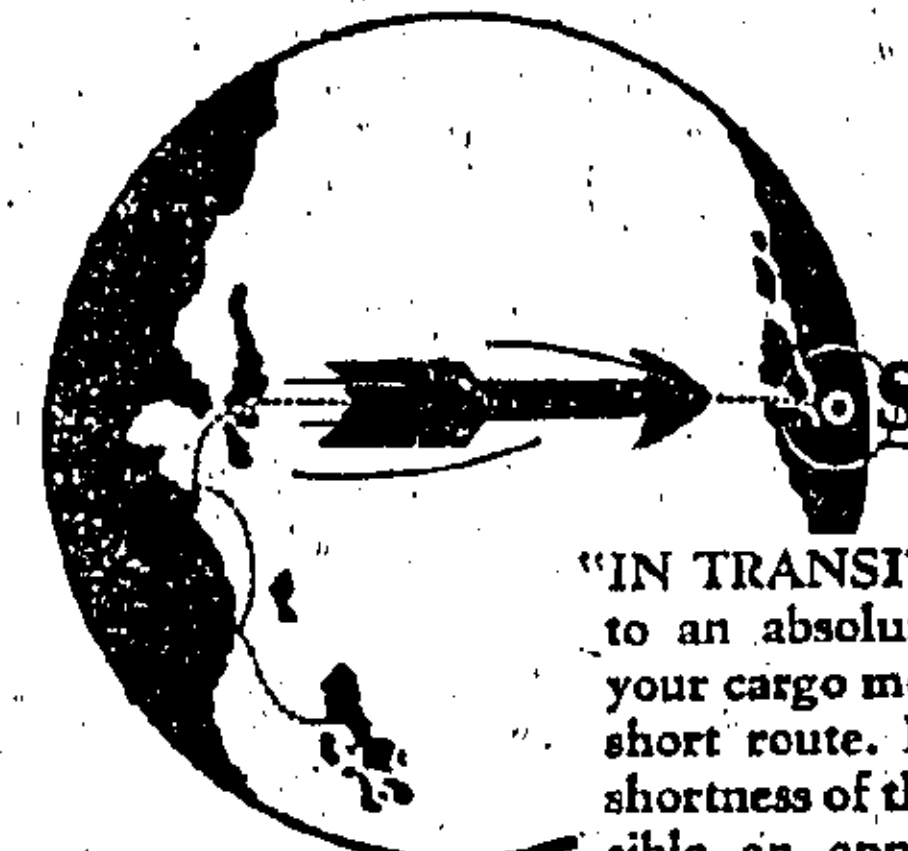
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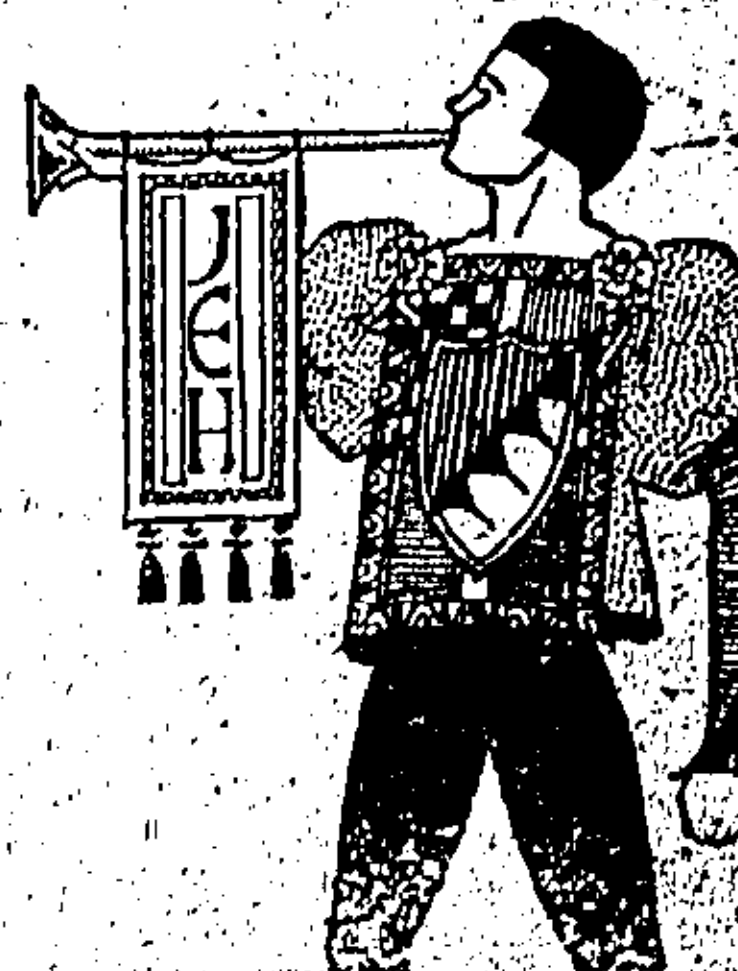
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A SERIAL STORY

MY LADY: A TALE OF MYSTERY.

By EDGAR WALLACE.

Author of "The Four Just Men," "The Secret House" &c., &c.

JOHN MORLAY, who is the head of a firm of private enquiry agents, declines the request of a friend.

JULIAN LESTER, to make enquiries about a pretty girl Julian admires.

COUNTESS MARIE FIOLE, who is in the care of a former nurse in the employment of the girl's mother. This woman is

MRS. CARAWOOD, who keeps a chain of shops in London. She is suspected of using the girl's money in her business or otherwise. John Morlay contrives to meet the ladies, and is struck by the beauty of the Countess. He refuses to aid Julian Lester, who on returning to his flat finds a burglar there, and decides to give the man a meal.

Chapter IV.

The man needed no urging. He ate ravenously, so that the story of his starvation had that much truth in it, thought his captor. He wondered what John Morlay would do in the circumstances. Of course he would send for the police and have the wretched man removed instantly. Julian guessed that he might do something of the same at the conclusion of the interview, but he was not quite sure yet.

"Did a 'lifer' did you? That means twenty years, doesn't it?" he asked.

Salter nodded.

"What crime did you commit?"

The man looked at him for a moment from under his shaggy brows, and then

"Murder," he said, with a cold-blooded calmness which made Julian shiver. "I was doing a burglary and shot a policeman—by accident." Salter went on rapidly, seeing the bad impression he had created. "A lot of liars took the witness-stand and swore my life away. They'd have hung me too, only somebody got up a petition."

"Ugh!" said Julian with a shudder.

And now his mind was made up. "Finish your meal and get out of here," he said curtly.

Apparently Salter was relieved at this end to his adventure, for he sprang up from his seat with alacrity.

"—," he began, and then Julian, watching him, saw his face become contorted with pain. The white skin grew dark and red and then a queer blue, which seemed to find its deepest tint about his lips. Frantically he groped in his pockets and brought out a small phial nipped out the cork with his chattering teeth, and pressing the neck of the bottle to his blue lips, swallowed before he collapsed again into his chair.

Julian looked at him in amazement and no little fear. Presently the unhealthy white came back to the cheeks.

"Heart," gasped the man. "I get like that at times; I have to carry this stuff around or I'd crack."

He found the cork, jammed it into the half-empty bottle and put it back in his pocket with trembling fingers.

"I'd like to do something for you, sir," he said. "You're the first man that's ever shown me a kindness."

It was the old lag's conventional compliment, calculated to soften a heart of stone, and the inexperienced Julian swallowed the bait and felt a warm glow of complacency.

"If you would go straight, there are plenty of people who would gladly help you."

The burglar shook his head.

"You think so, sir, but it ain't the case," he said. "They're always down on an old lag. Give me a little honest work to do."

He went on, but Julian was not listening. Of a sudden there was born in his mind a colossal scheme. This man had in his power to remove any doubts he may have in

his mind, to settle beyond all dispute the question which vexed him.

"Where are you living? Where am I get in touch with you?"

The man told him eagerly. He was living at a Rowton House near King's Cross, a refuge of destitute men. Julian wrote down the address on the back of one of his cards, and then, putting his hand in his pocket:

"Here's ten shillings for you. I may put work in your way. Come and see me—no, don't do that. I will send for you."

He ushered his visitor not only from the room but from the building.

On the whole Julian was rather pleased with himself. He had performed an act of humanity, and it had cost him nothing but a card which would have been wasted anyway. In the night he had some misgivings, and getting out of bed, examined the drawing-room cabinets carefully; but nothing had been taken, and he went back to bed fortified in his rectitude.

He was a man of affairs, was on several fashionable committees, one of which was the Help League, which attended to the needs of the poor and offered them the matured advice of worldly men and women in moments of crisis. It had not been long enough in existence for the poor to realize that attached to the advice was no pecuniary benefit, and for the moment there were dozens of "cases" distributed among the committee for help and judgment. Julian spent the hour before lunch deeply engaged in the work of mothers of families whose husbands were in the prison, and in a spirit of benevolence (he had offered very good advice indeed) he went to lunch with the secretary of the association.

His own business brought him back to Bedford-square at three o'clock. A little sharp-faced man was pacing up and down in front of the house, awaiting his return. Julian greeted him with a nod and led the way up to his rooms.

"Well, Martin?" he asked.

"Have you any further news for me?"

"Yes, sir," said the man, producing a small notebook. "I called at the shop and made friends with the body Herman."

He proceeded to give further details of no great importance. Julian left little to chance and believed in having two strings to his bow. This representative of a well-advertised enquiry agency had been employed long before he had carried his suggestion to John Morlay.

"Very good. You had better keep at the boy and see what you can find. You understand that I want to know as much about Mrs. Carawood—how she began, where her money came from and such-like—as you can learn. In addition to the fees I am paying your agency I will give you a very handsome present for yourself if you can find these things out."

"You can trust me, sir," said Martin optimistically. "Before a week's out I'll be twisting that boy round my finger."

"I hope so," said Julian drily. He had his own views about the tractability of the bespectacled Herman.

This fellow, he thought, would probably be as useful as John, and, considering the matter, he was rather glad that the representative of Morlay Brothers was out of the case. Here, however, he reckoned without a very important factor.

(To be Continued.)

The first instalment of this serial appeared in *The Telegraph* on Sept. 12. Back numbers can be obtained at the office of *The Telegraph* No. 1-3 Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

SAFEGUARDING OUR FOOD.

WORK OF SANITARY DEPARTMENT

Among the papers laid on the table at this afternoon's Council meeting was the report on the Sanitary Department for last year.

The following work done under the Food and Drugs Ordinance and Section 83 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance recorded:

Altogether 138 samples of fresh milk were submitted for analysis under section 12 of the Food and

Drugs Ordinance of which 128 were found to pass the standard and 5 to be below standard.

In addition samples of food and drugs were taken as follows: Milk, Unned 8; milk, skimmed 1; bread 37; flour 19; butter 13; cheese 7; coffee 21, tea 12, sugar 27, mustard 11, miscellaneous 9; bean curd, cheese, lard etc.; pepper 9, vinegar 22, and oils, tinctures, ointments, etc. 17.

Prosecutions were undertaken in 8 cases where the samples failed to satisfy the legal requirements.

There were no food-stuffs seized and ordered to be destroyed under Section 83 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance.

FRANCO-AMERICAN TRADE.

MUCH CONCERN OVER NEW DUTIES.

TREATY BEING PREPARED.

Paris, Sept. 14.

The new French tariff, which came into operation a week ago, has surprised and alarmed American business men, and the United States Government has taken speedy action to remedy the absence of a commercial treaty with France. A proposed draft has already been submitted.

Hitherto American importers in France have generally paid only an intermediate scale of duties, but are now faced with the necessity of paying the maximum for their business under the new heavy duties, and are threatened in some cases with duties increased 600 per cent., whereas under the new Franco-German trade convention Germany obtains the minimum rates in numerous instances.

It is fully expected that a temporary agreement will be reached to enable American trade with France to continue until a new treaty is signed.

A semi-official statement says that the French Government is ready to negotiate a Franco-American commercial treaty, but meanwhile the Government recognises that the tariff changes weigh heavily on certain American imports. The Foreign Minister is investigating to see if it is not possible to mitigate this effect.—*Reuter*.

LEAVE TO APPEAL GRANTED.

ONE CASE JUDGMENT IN QUESTION.

The Full Court sat this morning, when Mr. F. C. Jenkin made an application for leave to appeal against the judgment of the Puisne Judge, in the case in which Messrs. John Batt and Co. (London) sued Silva Netto and Co. of Hongkong for over \$800 under an alleged breach of contract. Judgment was entered for the defendants in the action.

Mr. Jenkin, who was instructed by Mr. L. R. Andrewes, was explaining the grounds of the application for an appeal against the decision given in the Summary Court when Mr. Silva Netto interrupted.

His Lordship Mr. Justice Wood, pointed out that the proceedings were *ex parte*, and that Mr. Silva Netto could not be heard at the present proceedings. If the application was granted by the Full Court, the notice in the matter would be served on Mr. Silva Netto and he would appear later.

Mr. Silva Netto: There is a precedent.

His Lordship: Will you sit down Mr. Silva Netto? We cannot hear you.

Mr. Jenkin mentioned a point which had cropped up in connection with the time in which an application for an appeal must be made, his Lordship intimating that there would be no difficulty in regard to it.

Counsel said his first ground for making the application was that when the action was heard, an application for an adjournment by the solicitor for the plaintiffs was refused. It had been agreed between the parties that the correspondence passing between the plaintiffs and defendants should be produced, and Mr. Andrewes based his case on that correspondence. He, however, was surprised when there was a change of front by the defendants, who in Court did not admit that the agreement between the plaintiffs and the defendants, and the agreement between the plaintiffs and their buyers of the ore, were the same.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that on the correspondence there was very good ground for the application for an adjournment being granted.

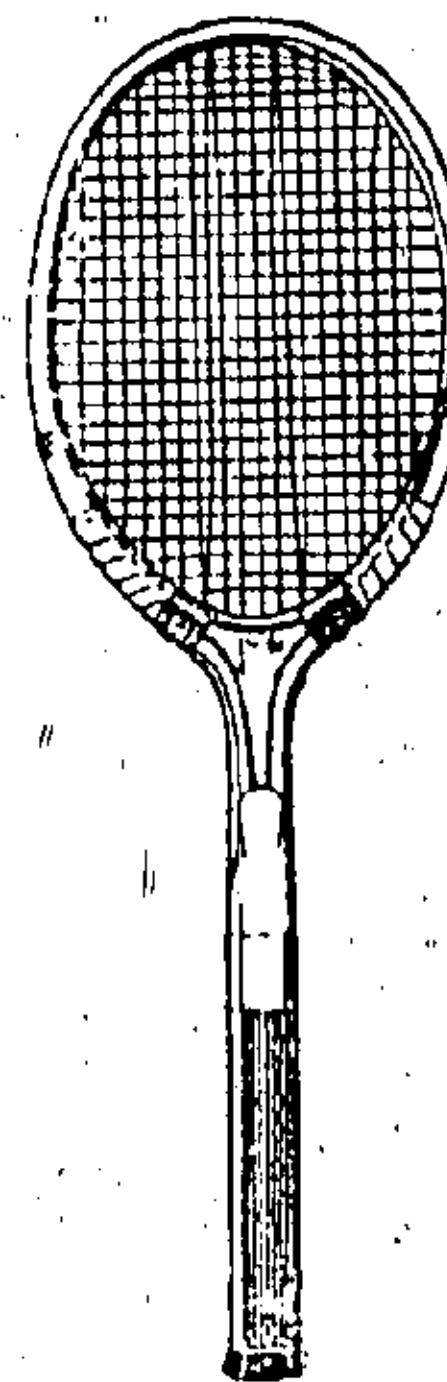
His Lordship said the material used as evidence was common to both parties, and therefore how could there be surprise?

Mr. Jenkin said there was nothing in the papers to warrant the argument that the two contracts were different. With regard to the second point, inasmuch as the correspondence pointed to the contracts being the same, the onus was cast on the defendants of establishing that they were different.

The application for leave to appeal was granted.

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BUDGET DEBATE IN COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 8.)

which has a real call on our assistance, and whilst the Association appreciates the very substantial sums budgeted for the coming year in favour of Kowloon Tong a market will be a great boon to them. In conclusion, may I express the desire on behalf of my brother Justices of the Peace whom I have the honour to represent that a new cycle of prosperity is now before us and that the future has in store the old cordial and friendly relations with the neighbouring provinces of China and her people, which must redound to the mutual benefit of all, and go a long way to assist in the all round commercial development and general prosperity.

FRENCH WAR DEBT PAYMENTS.

ARRANGEMENT WITH BRITAIN.

London, Sept. 14. Three million pounds sterling is being paid by France to Britain to-day, in accordance with the provisional agreement concerning the French war debt concluded on February 16. The previous instalment was paid on March 15. These payments do not cause any gold movement from France to Britain, the payment being assured by credits at the disposal of the French Government in British banks or at the British Treasury.—*British Wireless*.

GENERAL STRIKES ILLEGAL.

WARNING TO TROUBLE MAKERS IN BANGKOK.

Bangkok, Sept. 6. A Penal Code amendment law, which has been promulgated deals with general strikes, which are made illegal, and increases the punishment for offences against the Crown and the constitution. The maximum punishment for offences under the military penal code are also increased in another special act gazetted to-day.

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CASE SUBMITTED TO CROWN SOLICITOR.

The decision of the Crown Solicitor is being awaited in the case in which a twelve-year-old Chinese is charged with the murder of a slightly older boy in the Wo Hop Shek Village, Kowloon City and on the appearance of the slayer before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning a further remand was granted.

Sub. Inspector Fallon said that all the documents relating to the case had been submitted to the Crown Solicitor and the case was at present under consideration. Should there be any developments, continued Inspector Fallon, he would communicate with his Worship.

The case was accordingly adjourned till next Thursday.

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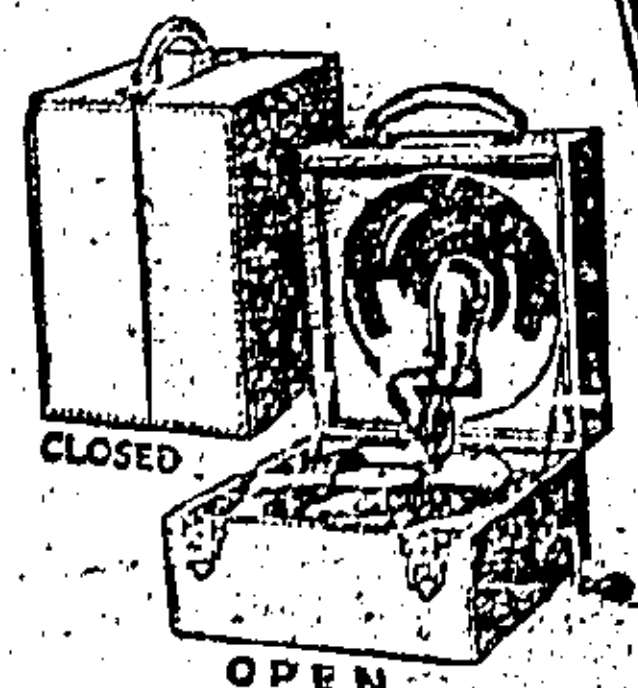
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WAS IT SKILL OR CHANCE?

ALLEGED GAMBLING IN
SEASIDE SHOWS.

The legality of certain side-shows in Ramsgate's new "Pleasureland" (owned by the Corporation) has been questioned by the Chief Constable of Ramsgate. In the Borough Police Court in mail week 140 summonses were down for hearing.

Of those summoned, Mr. William Ernest Thompson, the lessee, and the three partners in the "Pleasureland" Company, were represented by Mr. John Horridge. Twenty-six of the concessionaires of the Company who were summoned, including Captain Mark Miller, a member of the Ramsgate Town Council, were defended by Mr. W. J. Daniel.

The case against the Sirdar Company in regard to a spinner sidshow known as "Homa Stores" was the first dealt with. It was alleged it was a game of chance and not of skill.

Mr. Laurence Fletcher, prosecuting on the instructions of the Chief Constable of Ramsgate, said the summonses were taken out under the provisions of the Betting Act of 1854 and the Gaming Houses Act of 1854. In the recent case of "Kirby and others" in the Court of Criminal Appeal there was some slight element of skill, but in the present case there was no element of skill.

Crowd Liked It.

Describing the game of "Homa Stores," Inspector Duffy said:—"On the front shelves of the stall were two standards, side by side, to which were fixed two wheels or discs, with numbers from 0 to 9. Opposite each number was an electric bulb, which lit up as the wheels revolved. Tickets containing three numbers were sold for three-pence each, and each purchaser of a ticket was given another ticket with three numbers free. Twenty people apparently were necessary to a game. When the wheels came to rest of their own accord one of the bulbs remained alight, and the person with a ticket bearing a number corresponding with the number nearest the lighted bulb was given a prize."

In reply to Mr. Daniel, Inspector Duffy said the crowd seemed to enjoy the game. All the prizes were pots and pans and useful things for the house—all filled with chocolates.

Mr. George E. Williams, one of the directors of Sirdar (Ltd.), said that they had run the game at Wembley and Olympia and on every pleasure beach in the country. The prizes were from 8s. to 10s. in value.

No Betting.

Mr. Daniel submitted there had been no betting or wagering contract. The proprietors of the game did not say "I bet you will not win a prize," but "somebody must win on an exact parallel with tennis and golf tournaments in which entrance fees were used to provide prizes to those skilful or lucky enough to win them. The Magistrates decided there was a Prima facie case, and Mr.

A BLACK MAN'S COCKTAIL.

STUFF WITH A REAL KICK.

The South African Government has dealt a death-blow to one of the most lucrative professions in the Transvaal—the illegal brewing of *shokolan*, a highly intoxicating concoction made by the natives, who are not allowed to "possess" any form of liquid from yeast. An embargo has been placed on all imported yeast, much of which was sent out innocently from England, and the manufacture of the liquid will consequently be impossible. As much as 100,000lb. of "compressed" yeast was being sold monthly in Johannesburg, says a correspondent.

Fortunes were made rapidly in the countless liquid-dens of the mining areas by brewers of the drink. A gallon manufactured for ninepence sold for eight shillings, and the demand was always greater than the supply—the police saw to that!

Ease of manufacture was the drink's chief charm. The police patrols had a habit of raiding the shebeens daily and destroying all the liquor they found, but *shokolan* matures rapidly, and four hours after the departure of the police trade could be brisk again.

The recipe for the drink is this:

1 gallon of boiling water;
2 tablets of "compressed" yeast and
2 cups of sugar.
Mix all in a large tin; bury it (for secrecy); leave an air vent (for safety); and wait four hours.

The resulting concoction will be thick, milky, and evil. For variety and flavouring add orange peel, pineapple rind, or a lemon. The "cream" of *shokolan* brews, the *shokolan de luxe*, is a mule among liquors, evolved simply by adding a bottle of methylated spirit and three lumps of carbide! It is known descriptively as the carbide cocktail. Two mugs of it suffice even a three-bottle man; three bring oblivion; and four, in nine cases out of ten, the doctor.

The dusky geniuses who evolved the drink thought nothing of paying a £50 fine on Monday mornings, week after week for brewing it. But now they must turn to fresh avenues to discover a means of slaking the dusty mine "boys" thirst.

No doubt they have done so already!

Daniel said his clients elected to have it tried by a jury. The company was committed for trial at the Sandwich Quarter Sessions on eight summonses. Three directors of the company were admitted to bail on their own securities of £25 each.

The summonses in relation to "Electric discs" and "Sensation of 1924" were adjourned for a fortnight.

The next case concerned the game "Easy," in which there were seven defendants, all of whom were committed for trial at Sandwich Quarter Sessions. They pleaded not guilty, and reserved their defence. Bail was allowed in personal securities of £25 each. The hearing of a number of other cases was adjourned.

CONFIDENCE THAT COST £4,500.

AUSTRALIAN VISITOR
FLEECE BY TRICKSTERS.

Two confidence tricksters have got away with £4500 in notes, belonging to Mr. Bonar Thompson, an Australian on a visit to Britain.

Forty-seven of the notes are numbered consecutively from 22654 to 22700; nine are numbered 21942 to 21950; and 31 are numbered from 22601 to 22631. On each note is the prefix or series number 42/X.

Police, aerodrome and port officials all over the country are by now keeping a look-out for the men in case they should attempt to leave, says a Home paper of mail week.

One of the men is described as having a scar on the face, which gives him a conspicuous appearance. It is suspected both are well known in London.

They got into touch with Mr. Bonar Thompson, who was induced to make a trip to Liverpool with his "friends" to arrange a deal on the local Stock Exchange.

Did Not Come Back.

To enable them to do this, Mr. Thompson handed over the £4500. One of the men handed him back three of the notes, while his companion went away with the rest of the money "to negotiate the deal."

He did not return, of course, and the second man made an excuse to leave.

Descriptions of the wanted men have been issued:

"John Duff" (67), of broad build, fresh complexion, dark hair turning grey, ginger moustache, wearing horn-rimmed glasses with gold earpieces; brown suit, trilby hat. Has long scar on one side of the face running to the back of the neck.

"Manchester Carson," aged about 50, medium build, 5ft. 4in., fairish hair, clean shaven; wearing blue suit.

Trustful Briton Loses £4,600.

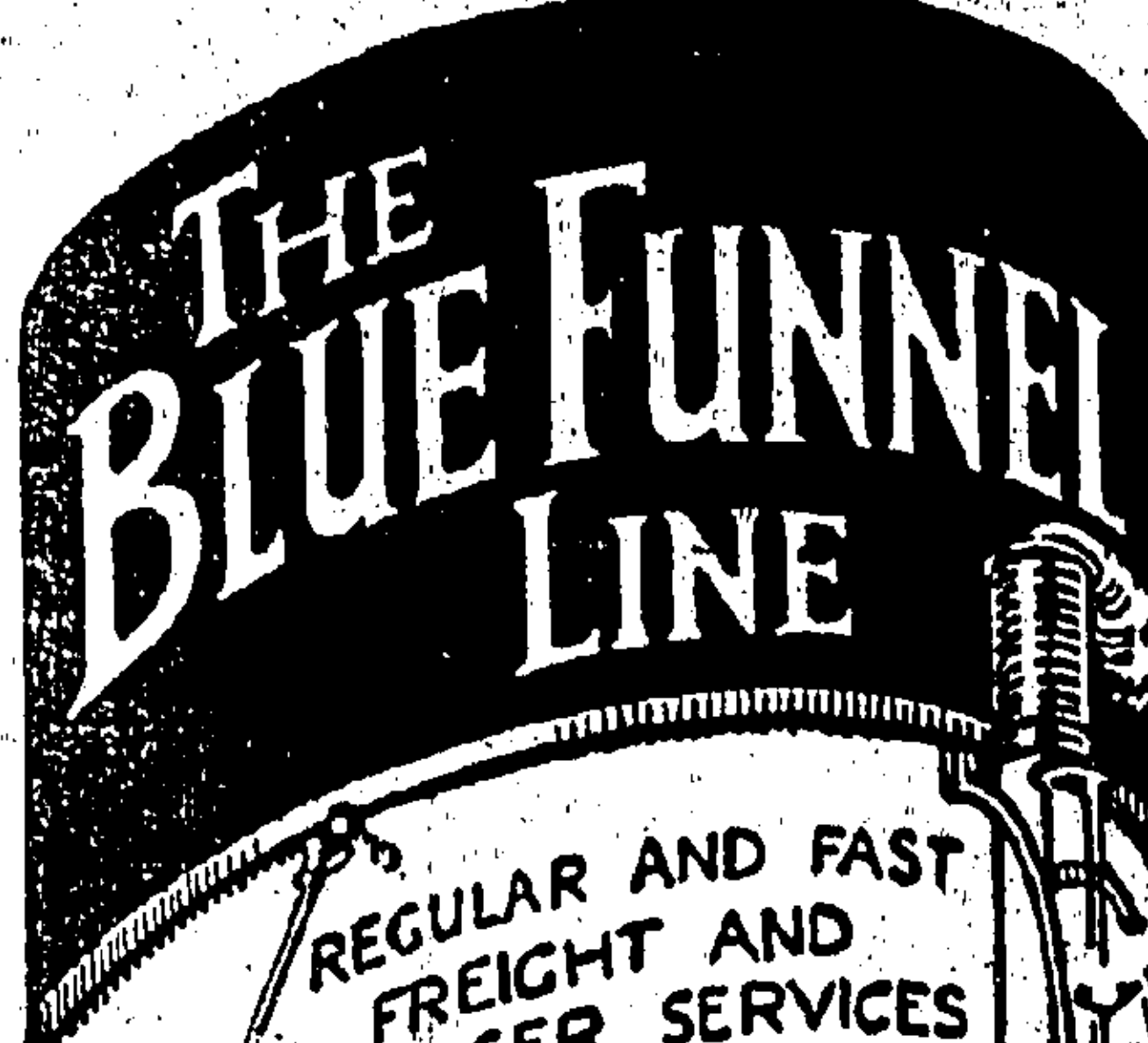
New York: A wealthy British planter awakened from a stupor believed to have been induced by drugs, told a remarkable story of how he had been defrauded of 32,000 dollars (£8,400.).

The name of the planter, states an Atlantic City message, is Gerard Morarty. He says that he met a gang of men in Alberta who promised him high returns amounting to millions if he would invest in a new race track scheme. Beyond the fact that he made an investment, Morarty remembers nothing.

Confidence men have been passing a busy season in Alberta, and recently "bled" a British tourist of £10,000.



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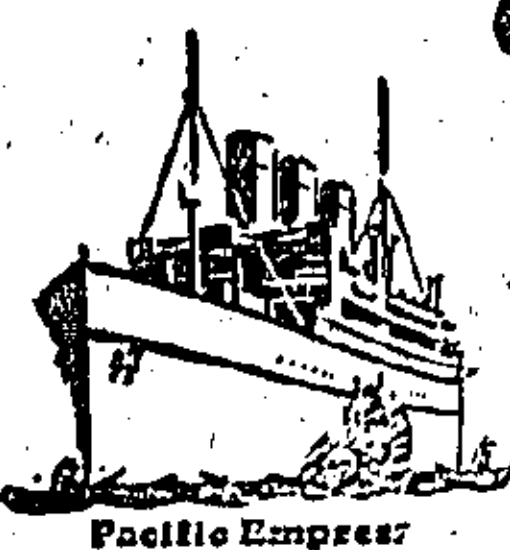
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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.**DECREASING THE INFANT DEATH RATE.****PREMATURE BIRTHS.**

Everyone who has followed the decreasing death rates of civilized communities during the past hundred years realizes that much of the decrease is due to the substantial reduction that has taken place in the deaths of infants during the first year of life. In 1900, in America, the death rate of infants under one year was 161 per thousand; in 1910, 141 per thousand, and in 1920, 106 per thousand.

The number of deaths under one year decreased considerably, but those under one month decreased only slightly, and those under one week hardly at all. In other words, as pointed out by Dr. Howard W. Green of the Cleveland (Ohio) Health Council, the better economic conditions and public health work of the past 20 years is apparently not affecting greatly the cause of deaths of infants in the first week of life.

Most of the deaths that occurred during the first year of life were due to disturbances of digestion and infection of the gastrointestinal tract by food not properly safeguarded. This has been largely eliminated.

The deaths which now occur are largely due to infection of the lungs, such as broncho-pneumonia, bronchitis, influenza and pneumonia. The number of deaths ascribed to venereal diseases in the parents has decreased somewhat, but the number of deaths from congenital malformations and from injuries at birth remains approximately the same.

The one factor which has steadily increased during the past generation as a cause of deaths in infants is the rate from premature birth. This apparently is associated with parental infection and with bad obstetrical care, and it indicates the necessity for more attention to the condition of the mother during the period before the child's birth. Certainly the mother who wishes to save her baby should see a physician just as soon as she realizes that she is to have a child, and should visit him regularly until after the child's birth.

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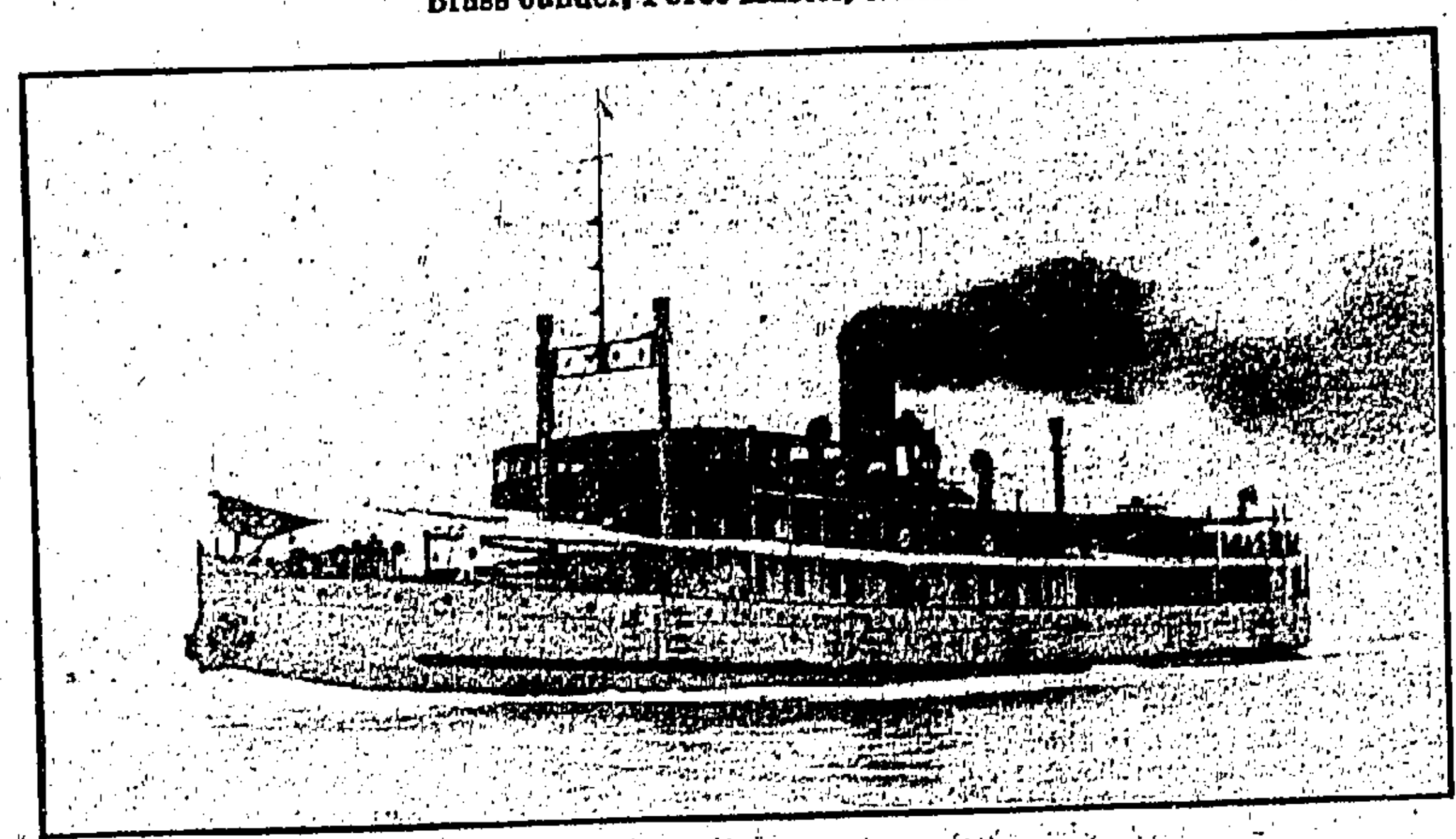
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PUBLIC MONEY.

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travelling expenses in addition to the \$10,000 provided in the Estimates. It is explained that "the amount of \$20,000 was originally estimated by Director of Public Works as necessary for Transport and Travelling Expenses for this year, but this amount was reduced to \$10,000 in the hope that with economy this might prove sufficient. The sum has however proved insufficient and an excess of \$4,000 it is estimated, will occur. A Supplementary Vote for this amount is accordingly requested. The above is to be met from savings."

Cost of Fire Station.

The sum of \$4,303 is requested under the heading of Public Works, Extraordinary, on account of the Fire Brigade Station building. The original estimate of cost was \$1,450,000 and the total expenditure up to the end of 1926 had been \$1,366,276. It is explained that "it was anticipated that all accounts would have been submitted before the close of 1926 and therefore no provision was made in the 1927 Estimates. The amount now required is for the balance of payment due on 'Lifts' installed in New Fire Station, which were supplied through Crown Agents in 1926. The account was received too late to be brought into the 1926 accounts. The above is to be met from savings."

Rainstorm Damage.

The sum of \$122,700 asked for under the heading of Public Works, Recurrent, to pay for typhoon and rainstorm damages in Hongkong in addition to the sum of \$100,000 provided for in the estimates. The sum is required to meet the cost of making good the damage done by the typhoon of August 29th, and earlier heavy rains.

The sum of \$64,000 is asked for similarly in respect of Kowloon, and it is explained that "a sum of only \$10,000 was provided under this vote and the amount already expended on Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages is \$9,400 leaving a balance of only \$600. During the last few months (previous to the 20 of August, 1927 a large amount of damage was sustained in this District and in order to meet the situation it is estimated that a further sum of \$63,762 will be required. The sum asked for above does not include any allowance for damage caused by the typhoon of 20th of August, (which will be the subject of a further Message).

An Old Bill.

The sum of \$1,500 is asked for to pay for a path, 10 feet wide, north of New Kowloon Inland Lot 257. "The formation of this path was provided for by Financial Minute No. 86 of the 15th September, 1921, the sum provided being \$2,500. The work was commenced in October, 1921, and on the 19th December, 1921, the Contractor was paid \$660. The work was finished in 1922 but the bill for the completion has only just been submitted. The sum due to the Contractor is \$1,500 for which there is no provision in the 1927 Estimates. The above is to be met from savings."

BOARDING WITHOUT PERMISSION.

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master owning the motor boat, which was running for the Great Eastern Hotel. There was no Police flag flying at the time and he thought he could board.

A fine of \$20 with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment was inflicted.

The master of a trading junk pleaded guilty to navigating the harbour without the regulation lights and stated that the wind had blown his lanterns out. A fine of \$15 with the usual alternative was inflicted.

The mistress of a cargo junk pleaded guilty to lying inshore during dark hours and stated that she had brought her vessel close in, to land her daughter-in-law for removal to the Maternity Hospital.

This was denied by the Police, by a statement that the boat had been warned off previously, but was arrested when an attempt was made to return to the Praya. The accused was fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

Inspector Brown addressing His Worship then drew attention to the fact that two of the accused in the Taidwa boarding case were boys, and under the Ordinances, could not be sent to prison, but might be punished with the cane.

The two youngsters were then produced and after interrogation by His Worship, who asked them whether 12 strokes with the cane would deter them from similar actions in future, to which they replied in a fearful affirmative, they were discharged with a caution.

STOP PRESS.

TOLL OF JAPANESE TYPHOON.

Tokyo, Sept. 15.

According to despatches from Kyushu, 2000 troops are assisting the local organisations to search for the missing and clear up the debris.

About 400 bodies have thus far been recovered.

A total of 500 fishing boats is reported to have been wrecked off Nagasaki. Twenty-five fishermen were drowned.

At Kawachi hot spring, twelve of the thirteen hotels were swept away by floods, and the thirteenth was seriously damaged.—Reuter.

ROUND FOR NANKING.

Commander Of 20,000 Arrested.

Shanghai, Sept. 15.

Koo Meng-yu, Chen Kong-pao, Li Lih-chun, members of the C. E. C., Li Shih-tsang, Chang Ching-chang, members of the Central Supervisory Committee of Kuomintang, Liu Ping, and Ho Ying-ching's representative, left for Nanking yesterday evening.

Wang Ching-wei, announces this morning's vernacular papers, desires to retire. Owing to his cold reception at Nanking it is reported that Hsu Chien has left for an unknown destination.

General Lai Shih-wang commanding the Twenty-fourth Army Corps, entrained at the North Station yesterday evening, on departure to Nanking, but was arrested and taken to Ho Ying-ching's headquarters at Chapel, thence, strongly guarded, to Lunghwa.

Lai Shih-wang is a Fukiense, and commands 20,000 troops, distributed along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

The reason for his arrest is at present unknown.—Reuter.

ON TO NANKING.

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forecast the immediate future, though averring that the Kuomintang is in process of severe disruption.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

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The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

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APPEAL BY CANTON MERCHANTS.

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though this has not been verified, the returning troops are to remain in Canton for a short while only, and are then to be sent on to the many southern districts requiring troops.

The reasons advanced for this move is that these soldiers need rest, but with this comes the statement that in the past this army has proved the reverse of trustworthy and therefore the Government are not anxious that they remain at Canton. This last statement comes, however, from the people, and probably is without foundation, especially when it is realized that this army, the 4th, is comprised entirely of Kwangtung men.

With the resignation of Chiang Kai-shek from the position of C. in C. of the Nationalist forces, comes the report that this office is now to be done away with, and a new and similar title and office is to be given to the present C. in C. "Tsung Chi Tai" is the appellation by which the new office is to be known, and so far as can be ascertained the C. in C. is to become a sort managing director of all Nationalist troops. What the exact difference is between the old and new official titles it is difficult to define.

Tsui King-long, a War Office has, it is reported, proceeded to his native place, Tung Koon. This, Mr. Tsui's home town, is a very convenient position for watching operations in the war areas of this district. Mr. Tsui's family are also reported to have left with the army official.

Mr. Tsui was responsible recently for sending soldiers to Waichow to check a "Red" advance and disarm the Nationalist's opponents. Concerning this, orders are now issued stating that money must not be spared in the enterprise.

More Rumours of Default.

Rumours are still prevalent regarding defaults on the part of Government officials.

Last evening news, not verified, reached the writer that one gentleman had been imprisoned for defrauding the Government of \$150,000.00. It is not definitely known now he actually defrauded the Government, but as he was until recently an official in the Treasury the information was advanced that the default was probably in connexion with this office.

The family of this official are well-known here, and in fact throughout all Kwangtung, an elder brother of the gentleman being at one time a General in the army of the south, and also at one period he was governor of this province. Many other officials, recently incarcerated, are still in prison, and in connexion with this it is said that there is very little hope of their being reinstated in their old positions. The staff in the Treasury is to be cut down, it is officially known, hence the surmise that the late workers of this office now in prison have very little chance of regaining their posts.

Another proposed project of the Government is the installing of a telephonic system between this city and Hongkong. On making inquiries last evening, from people intimately connected with this proposal, the writer gathered that there is very little hope of the project being put into action, the community having received the news of an installation in the same manner as they received the proposals to reform the Chinese calendar, not too favourably.

With regard to the calendar reform, no further details are to hand.

Boycott News.

The latest reports concerning the impending British boycott is that the authoritative party responsible for the putting of the boycott into action has been disbanded by the Government. This does not necessarily mean that the Government are opposed to a boycott, but in taking these measures they are absolving themselves from direct responsibility in the event of British cargo being seized and confiscated.

With this report also comes news that the present Japanese boycott is coming to an end. Many of the local merchants have appealed to the Government, stating that they are unable to pay their quota, of \$70 in each \$1,000 of their capital, to the department needing this money. This has been forwarded to the Police department, and this body has the matter in hand for investigation.

It is also rumoured that the Postal department are to appeal, as they are anxious that the rent tax should not be assessed on houses erected and maintained by the post office savings department.

News is to hand that Nanking is issuing an edict informing all foreigners that from now on they will not be able to purchase building lots in any of the provinces under Nationalist control; But in the cases of schools and hospitals, and other institutions engaged in similar work, certain concessions will be allowed to the governing bodies if they are anxious to erect new buildings for the betterment of China.

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